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GUN CONTROL

State advocates decry Supreme Court ruling

In 6-3 decision, justices make it easier to obtain firearms; lawsuits expected against Connecticut laws

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Connecticut gun-control advocates decried the U.S. Supreme Court ruling Thursday that makes it easier to obtain a gun, saying it will open the door to further lawsuits. The nation's highest court overturned a New York law that dates to 1913

and says that applicants need to show "proper cause" that they need a gun for self defense in order to obtain a license that they could carry the concealed weapon in public. But the court ruled 6-3 that the New York law "violates the Fourteenth Amendment by preventing law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their right to

keep and bear arms in public." State Attorney General William Tong said that Connecticut's handgun laws are "not immediately impacted" because they are different from New York's. But he added that the court ruling will likely generate civil lawsuits in Connecticut and nationwide. "This decision is a radical rewrite of the court's prior positions on the

Second Amendment and states' rights to pass commonsense gun safety legislation," Tong said. "We should expect a wave of new lawsuits nationwide and here in Connecticut, coordinated by gun groups like the NRA, challenging our assault weapons ban, age restrictions on gun ownership, prohibitions on guns

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Approaching the bench

Above, Judge Cherie G. Phoenix-Sharpe of Hamden continues to hold her hand up for a family photo opportunity after being sworn in Thursday as colleague Judge Erik T. Lohr of Granby looks on in amusement during a swearing-in ceremony for newest class of Superior Court judges at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. The 32 judges were nominated by Gov. Ned Lamont earlier this year and confirmed by the General Assembly during the recently adjourned legislative session. At right, Lamont administers the oath of office. **JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Dom Amore

Father, son bond, grow with golf

For Fairfield's J.J. Henry, caddie Connor, Travelers a way to build family ties

CROMWELL — J.J. Henry's start at the Travelers Championship was pretty rough, three bogeys on the first 10 holes. His caddie offered some tough love. "C'mon, be a man," he said. "Get up there and make a shot. Stop steering it around." Henry's caddie is also his son, Connor. "Every kid talks back to their dad, right?" J.J. said. "He's not scared, that's the cool thing. He's not timid to tell me, 'Get your head out of your you-know-what and go play golf. I made some bogeys early, kind of hesitant, maybe steering it around, and he came right in there. 'C'mon dad, we got this. we can do this.' It really helped me out today, he was fun to be with. He did a great job."

IN SPORTS
Rory McIlroy, J.T. Poston each shoot 8-under-par 62 for first-round lead.

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J.J. Henry, left, and his son and caddie, Connor, teamed up for even par and lifelong memories at the Travelers Championship on Thursday. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

Panel hears how Trump pressured DOJ

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump hounded the Justice Department to pursue his false election fraud claims, striving in vain to enlist top law enforcement officials in his desperate bid to stay in power and hosting a dramatic Oval Office show-down in which he weighed replacing the agency's leader with a more compliant



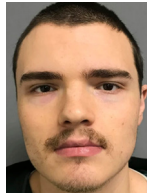
Rep. Bennie Thompson swears in, from left behind table, Steven Engel, Jeffrey Rosen and Richard Donoghue. The Trump-era DOJ officials testified Thursday before the House committee investigating the U.S. Capitol attack. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Judge continues case of former UConn student

Manfredonia facing charges of murder, kidnapping, home invasion, robbery

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

The 25-year-old UConn student charged with killing two people — one of whom he allegedly attacked with a samurai sword — kidnapping another, and leading police on a dayslong, multistate manhunt appeared before a judge for a virtual court hearing on Thursday.



Peter Manfredonia joined the hearing by a video call from Garner Correctional Institution in Newtown, where he is being held in lieu of a \$12 million bond on charges of killing two men,

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Billie Jean King's Title IX insights

Tennis great Billie Jean King weighs in on how Title IX opened doors for women in education and athletics. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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J.J. stopped aiming, started attacking the cup and made birdies on his 11th, 12th and 16th holes to finish Thursday’s first round of the Travelers Championship at even par. On a day when some of the world’s top players, like Rory McIlroy at 8-under, were burning up the TPC River Highlands, Henry, from Fairfield, was well back, but gave himself a chance to make the cut Friday and extend what promises to be a weekend the family cherishes forever. What matters is what the game of golf means for a father and son — in fact, for three generations.

“This is a real special week for me,” J.J. said. “I grew up in Fairfield, played first here as an amateur in 1998 and, ironically, my dad caddied for me. Here I am, 24 years later, still kind of hanging on playing, obviously winning the tournament here in 2006, and being from the state kind of carrying the flag, if you will, for the last two decades. So to have my son now caddying for me is something special. Talk about life coming full circle. It’s what life is all about.”

The Henry name is golf royalty in Fairfield. Ron Henry, J.J.’s grandfather, was a high school teammate of Julius Boros in the 1930s. His father, Ron Henry Jr., was one of the very best players in the state for years.

J.J. Henry, 47, turned pro in ’98 and has three wins on the PGA Tour, the first at the TPC in the last year of the Buick sponsorship, the year he founded the Henry House Foundation, which advocates for health care and well-being for children in the Fort Worth, Texas, area. His most recent win on the tour was the Barracuda Championship in 2015.

“I’m playing whenever I can get in,” J.J. said. “I played in Canada the week before the U.S. Open and made the cut, I’m hoping to play two of the next four weeks and be ready when my name is called. so I’m at the mercy of getting in when my number comes up. When it’s kind of stripped away from you, it stinks, but I’m still hungry to play and deep down I know I’m still good enough and can compete on certain golf courses. I’ve just got to keep my game sharp.”

His oldest son and caddie,



Fans came flocking back to the Travelers Championship on a picture-perfect Thursday for Round 1. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Connor, 17, a senior-to-be at Fort Worth Country Day School, is just coming into his own as a golfer, winning several prestigious Texas events, including the state prep conference tournament by 10 strokes with a 64 and a 67. He won the Bluebonnet Invitational, shooting 13-under for two days, and the Texas Cup. Over Father’s Day weekend, J.J. caddied for his son at Texas’ amateur championship where Connor made the cut in a grown-up field.

“You’re a lot more anxious and nervous watching than playing,” J.J. said. “He was always a decent player, but the last 8-10 months he’s won three big tournaments and he started being heavily recruited. Kids don’t want to listen to their Dad, you know how that goes. I’m like, ‘What do I know?’ I’ve only played 600 tournaments.”

J.J. played his college golf at TCU; Connor is headed to Oklahoma, wearing the school letters on his belt and the family name on his back Thursday at the Travelers. As a youngster, Connor and his younger brother, Carson, began just tagging along with their dad.

“I didn’t want a lot to do with the game early on,” Connor said, “because it was my life at the time. I just didn’t really understand or appreciate it. Then at 10, 11 or 12-ish I was coming out here a lot more, understanding the game of golf and what he does, I picked it up and caught the bug.”

Growing up around the best players, Connor has had the chance to meet Tiger Woods, his second favorite golfer, and play a round at Bedminster in New Jersey with his father and former President Donald Trump. Now, he serves as a legit second pair

of eyes as J.J. competes with the young stars on the tour.

“It’s in his blood,” J.J. said. “It’s in his pedigree. He’s been around the best players in the world, it’s the only thing he’s ever known, and that’s carried over into his game. To be around this, the mannerisms, that can only help his game. He’s very mature for his age, that’s what you have to be in golf. Golf can beat you up.”

With his bloodlines, Connor Henry has a long love-hate affair with the game in front of him, but mostly love as a father-son bond grows stronger over each course. This weekend is bittersweet, too, as they returned to Fairfield after Thursday’s round to visit J.J.’s father, who is suffering from Parkinson’s disease and dementia.

“It’s almost extra meaning in a week like this because of the circumstances,” J.J. said, “know-

ing what my dad taught me. I lost my mom (Nancy) last year and my dad’s health isn’t great. They’ve been everything to me in the game of golf.”

In future years, J.J. envisions his younger son caddying for him and maybe one of these Junes, father and son will be playing in the Travelers Championship together. But when it comes to fathers, sons and golf, it’s best not to rush things, best to slow down and savor the moments as they come.

“We’re hoping we can make a memory this week,” J.J. said. “It’s kind of storybook, man. I’d love to kind of write one more chapter in some capacity. We’ll go see my dad, hope to get some good vibes from him, get some rest and be ready to go [Friday].”

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Guns

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in sensitive locations like schools, and provisions enabling public safety professionals to review the suitability of an applicant before granting a gun permit.

“This decision is reckless, and the consequences for public safety nationwide are dire, but it was not unexpected.”

Based on his expectations about increased litigation, Tong said his office is “ready to aggressively defend Connecticut’s laws.”

Tong has been closely following the case, known as New York State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen, and joined 17 other attorneys general in filing a brief with the court when the case was being deliberated.

But House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford was pleased with the decision, saying that Democrats are politicizing the ruling.

“I didn’t read it as the sky is falling. Everybody can take a deep breath,” Candelora said in an interview. “To me, the decision makes sense. ... I got an email from the NRA, claiming victory. I think it’s a pro-constitutional right ruling. I don’t view it as a pro-gun piece of regulation.”

He said the decision will “make it less arbitrary to get a permit,” adding that “a constitutional right should be exercised by everybody.”

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a longtime gun-control advocate, predicted more shootings because guns will be easier to obtain.

“This deeply destructive decision will unleash even more gun violence on American communities,” Blumenthal said. “Instead of upholding commonsense safeguards to reduce gun violence, it will only put more guns in public spaces and open the floodgates to invalidate sensible gun safety laws in more states. Worse yet, it is a significant step backwards at a moment when horrendous shootings happen across our country every day, taking too many beautiful lives and terrorizing generations of Americans.”

Gun safety has moved to the top of the political agenda in the U.S. Senate following the shooting deaths of 10 workers and shoppers at a Buffalo supermarket, followed 10 days later by the shooting deaths of 19 children and two educators at a Texas elementary school.

But Blumenthal said legislation is proceeding in the Senate, where a procedural vote passed Thursday, 65-34.

“This opinion in no way impugns the constitutionality of the commonsense Bipartisan Safer Communities Act that the Senate should approve this week,” Blumenthal said. “As gun violence soars, Congress must heed the will of the majority of Americans who support gun safety measures and break the legislative logjam to stop this senseless violence. This activist Supreme Court is once again legislating from the bench, but Congress must continue to legislate for a safer America.”

State Sen. Rob Sampson, a conservative Republican who is among the strongest gun advocates in the state legislature, said the ruling reinforces the Bill of Rights and the three dissenting justices simply do not understand the law.

“They are wrong, and they don’t properly understand the Constitution, and they don’t even properly understand the premise of the United States of America, which is that we are a country of free people,” Sampson said in an interview.

“It’s nice to see the Supreme Court actually correct things.”

Greenwich resident Leora Levy, who is running in a Republican primary for U.S. Senate to face Blumenthal, agreed with Sampson that the high court made the correct decision.

“Biden and Blumen-

thal are crying foul today about the Supreme Court’s ruling, clearly eager to dismiss Americans’ constitutional rights,” Levy said. “Our Justices did their job and reinforced law-abiding Americans’ Second Amendment rights in the face of overreaching state laws.”

State Sen. Gary Winfield, a New Haven Democrat who co-chairs the judiciary committee, said the legislature will be ready to revise laws if needed.

“In Connecticut, we have worked diligently to pass commonsense gun safety legislation to protect our citizens,” Winfield said. “This case — and the ensuing lawsuits that will follow from it — threaten those protections. We remain steadfast in our efforts and will be ready with any necessary legislative responses to ensure that Connecticut remains at the forefront of gun safety and that our citizens remain safe within the boundaries of this state.”

Gov. Ned Lamont said that the ruling will not stop Connecticut from enforcing some of the toughest gun laws in the nation.

“As a matter of fact, the court specifically distinguished our approach when it comes to the issuance of permits and tools for law enforcement to keep firearms out of the hands of those who may do harm,” Lamont said.

“However, we should all be concerned that today’s ruling heralds a newly aggressive effort to second-guess commonsense state and local policies that save lives while accommodating both gun rights and gun safety. One thing we know is true: more guns do not make us safer, and as governor, I will continue to pursue policies that make our laws stronger to keep our residents out of harm’s way.”

State Rep. Steven Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat who co-chairs the legislature’s judiciary committee, noted that the justices directly cited Connecticut in the ruling.

“One silver lining however is that the Court specifically recognized that Connecticut’s restrictions on the issue of gun permits passes constitutional muster,” Stafstrom said. “Connecticut will continue to lead the push for sensible gun control.”

At the same time, Stafstrom said that the court’s timing is bad as the nation is still mourning the deaths in mass shootings in Buffalo and Texas.

“The fact that the Supreme Court would suggest more guns in more places is what the framers of the Constitution intended at a time when so many Americans are living in fear of shootings in our schools, shopping malls, places of worship and on our streets, is simply nuts,” he said.

Former state Rep. Michael Lawlor, who teaches about guns in his criminal law class at the University of New Haven, said the easiest way for New York and other states to resolve the issue is to adopt Connecticut’s gun laws.

“In New York, if you want a permit, you have to come up with a reason why you need it, and they get to say whether it’s good enough or not,” Lawlor said in an interview.

“That’s what they said you can’t do, but Connecticut doesn’t do that, so it doesn’t affect Connecticut at all. It seems to me the simplest thing for New York to do is just to adopt the Connecticut system, which is you need a permit to carry a gun around, and you can get one, but if there is some reason that you shouldn’t have it, they can deny it as long as there’s an objective basis — in other words, you’re a habitual drunk or you’re a convicted felon.

“No one is saying that anybody can have a gun, no matter what, any place they want. There’s always a question of what is the justification for denying someone the right to carry a gun around. That’s the issue.”

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Former Assistant U.S. Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel Steven Engel, from left, former Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen and former Acting U.S. Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue testify as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continued Thursday at the Capitol in Washington. JONATHAN ERNST/AP

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lower-level official, according to testimony Thursday to the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot.

Three Trump-era Justice Department officials recounted relentless pressure from the president, including multiple directives to chase unsupported allegations that the election won by Democrat Joe Biden had been stolen. The officials said they swatted away each demand because there was no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

“For the department to insert itself into the political process this way, I think would have had grave consequences for the country that very well may have spiraled us into a constitutional crisis,” said Richard Donoghue, the acting No. 2 official in the final days of the Trump administration.

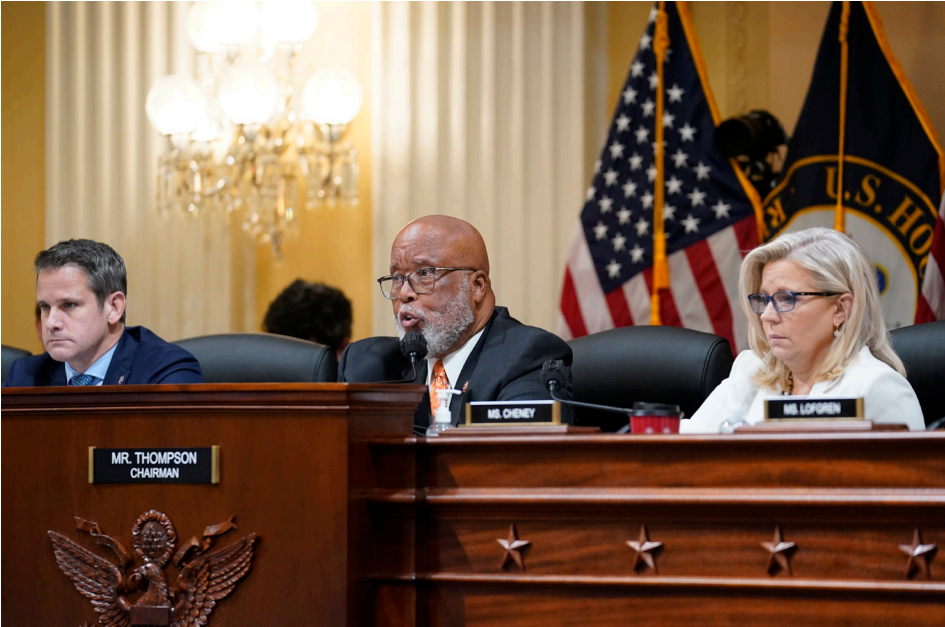
Another witness, Jeffrey Rosen, who was acting attorney general, said he was called by Trump or met with him basically every day starting in late December 2020 through early January 2021, with the common theme being “dissatisfaction about what the Justice Department had done to investigate election fraud.”

It all added up to a “brazen attempt” to use the Justice Department for his own political gain, said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and co-chairman of the Jan. 6 committee.

“Donald Trump didn’t just want the Justice Department to investigate,” Thompson said. “He wanted the Justice Department to help legitimize his lies.”

The panel also played recorded interviews of Trump aides saying multiple Republican members of Congress requested pardons.

Five days after the attack, Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala., sent an email with the subject line “Pardons” to the White House requesting a pardon for himself, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., and “every congressman or senator who voted to reject the electoral college vote



Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., center, speaks as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continued to reveal its findings of a yearlong investigation at the Capitol on Thursday in Washington. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., left, and Vice Chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., listen. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

“Donald Trump didn’t just want the Justice Department to investigate. He wanted the Justice Department to help legitimize his lies.”

— Congressman Bennie Thompson, chairman of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol

submissions of Arizona and Pennsylvania.”

Others seeking pardons, according to testimony Thursday, included GOP Reps. Andy Biggs of Arizona, Louie Gohmert of Texas, Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Scott Perry of Pennsylvania.

Testimony also centered on an Oval Office showdown in which Trump contemplated replacing Rosen with a lower-level official, Jeffrey Clark, who wanted to champion Trump’s bogus fraud claims. Donoghue and another senior Justice Department official, Steven Engel, warned of mass resignations if Trump followed through. Only then did Trump relent.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., derided Clark as a lawyer whose sole qualification was doing “whatever the president wanted him to do, including overthrowing a free and fair democratic election.”

Shortly before the hearing, it was revealed that

federal agents this week searched Clark’s Virginia home, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The panel’s hearing was the fifth this month by the House committee investigating the run-up to the insurrection at the Capitol. The committee last week presented videotaped depositions of former Attorney General William Barr, who castigated Trump’s fraud claims and later resigned. Thursday’s hearing focused on what happened after Rosen took over.

In one phone conversation, according to handwritten notes taken by Donoghue and highlighted Thursday, Trump directed to Rosen to “Just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the R. Congressmen.”

Around that time, Trump was introduced by Perry to Clark, head of the DOJ’s civil division. Clark has been subpoenaed but was

not among the witnesses Thursday.

Clark, according to statements from other DOJ officials, met with Trump despite being ordered not to by bosses at the department and presented himself as eager to aid the president’s efforts to challenge the election results.

The situation came to a head on Jan. 3, 2021, a Sunday, when Clark informed Rosen in a private meeting at the Justice Department that Trump wanted to replace him with Clark as acting attorney general. Rosen, resisting the idea of being fired by a subordinate, said Thursday that he contacted senior Justice Department officials to rally them together and also requested a White House meeting.

That night, Rosen, Donoghue and Engel, along with Clark, met Trump and top White House lawyers in the Oval Office.

Donoghue and Engel made clear to Trump that they and large numbers of other Justice Department officials would resign if Trump fired Rosen. White House lawyers said the same. Pat Cipollone, then the White House counsel, said the letter that Clark wanted to send was a “murder-suicide pact.”

The New York Times contributed.

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kidnapping a young woman and brutally assaulting an elderly man, records show.

His case was continued to July, according to court officials.

Manfredonia is charged with murder, kidnapping with a firearm, home invasion and robbery with a deadly weapon in connection to the killing of 23-year-old Nicholas Eisele and the kidnapping of Eisele’s girlfriend. Eisele was shot to death in his home in Derby on May 24, 2020, according to a warrant for Manfredonia’s arrest.

Manfredonia allegedly burst into Eisele’s home about 5:45 that morning. Eisele had locked the doors, according to police, when he heard police were looking for Manfredonia. The

two knew each other from Newtown High School and through sales of marijuana, according to a warrant.

When Manfredonia stormed in, Eisele urged him to calm down just before Manfredonia allegedly shot him, records show.

Manfredonia then allegedly told Eisele’s girlfriend that he shot her boyfriend in the head, stole several thousand dollars and — still armed with a gun — demanded their car keys. He forced her to drive their Volkswagen all the way to New Jersey while he sat in the backseat still armed with a gun, stopping once to change his clothes, the warrant said.

He eventually convinced someone at a New Jersey truck stop to order him an Uber and left Eisele’s girlfriend there, according to the warrant.

Law enforcement, including Connecticut State Police, tracked the UConn student through Uber rides, car thefts and surveillance video from New Jersey into Pennsylvania and eventually to another truck stop in Hagerstown, Maryland, records show.

Two days earlier, Manfredonia had allegedly killed 62-year-old Ted DeMers in Willington.

DeMers, an artisan furniture maker, husband and father, according to his obituary, lived on the same street as a woman who had recently ended a relationship with Manfredonia, police said.

Manfredonia allegedly attacked DeMers and another 80-year-old man on Mirl Road with a samurai sword, records show.

While Eisele’s girlfriend was being kidnapped, Manfredonia allegedly

told her that DeMers was an innocent person who was, essentially, in his way. He allegedly told her he killed DeMers and Eisele because they “said something that triggered him and he snapped,” according to warrants.

Manfredonia is also charged with murder, attempt to commit murder and assault of an elderly person in connection to DeMers’ slaying.

He faces a slew of charges from his alleged attack in Willington that include home invasion, kidnapping, robbery and assault, court records show.

Manfredonia is scheduled to appear in court next on charges connected to DeMers’ death and the Willington attack on Friday. A hearing in his case is scheduled to take place in Rockville at 10 a.m., according to court records.

Supreme Court expands gun rights

Ruling strikes down 109-year-old NY law on firearms in public

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a major expansion of gun rights after a series of mass shootings, the Supreme Court said Thursday that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public for self-defense, a ruling likely to lead to more people legally armed.

The decision came out as Congress and states debate gun control legislation.

About 25% of the U.S. population lives in states expected to be affected by the ruling, which struck down a New York gun law in place since 1913. The high court's first major gun decision in more than a decade split the court 6-3, with the court's conservatives in the majority and liberals in dissent.

President Joe Biden said in a statement he was "deeply disappointed" by the Supreme Court ruling. It "contradicts both common sense and the Constitution, and should deeply trouble us all," he said.

The decision struck down a New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need for carrying a gun in order to get a license to carry a gun in a concealed way in public. The justices said that requirement violates the Second Amendment right to "keep and bear arms."

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority that the Constitution protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home."



A police officer and a police dog patrol Thursday outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/AP

That right is not a "second-class right," Thomas wrote. "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need."

California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island all have laws similar to New York's. Those laws are expected to be quickly challenged.

Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York said the ruling came at a particularly painful time. Ten people were killed in a shooting May 14 at a Buffalo supermarket.

"This decision isn't just

reckless. It's reprehensible. It's not what New Yorkers want," she said.

Gun control groups called the decision a significant setback.

Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice and an expert on the Second Amendment, wrote on Twitter that the decision could be the "biggest expansion of gun rights" by the Supreme Court in U.S. history.

Republican lawmakers were among those cheering the decision.

Tom King, president of the plaintiff New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, said he was relieved.

"The lawful and legal gun

owner of New York State is no longer going to be persecuted by laws that have nothing to do with the safety of the people and will do nothing to make the people safer," he said. "And maybe now we'll start going after criminals and perpetrators of these heinous acts."

The court's decision is somewhat out of step with public opinion. About half the voters in the 2020 presidential election said gun laws in the U.S. should be made more strict, according to AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of the electorate. An additional one-third said laws should be kept as they are, while only about 1 in 10 said gun laws should be

less strict.

About 8 in 10 Democratic voters said gun laws should be made more strict, VoteCast showed. Among GOP voters, roughly half said laws should be kept as they are, while the remaining half closely divided between more and less strict.

In a dissent joined by his liberal colleagues, Justice Stephen Breyer focused on the toll from gun violence.

Since the beginning of this year, "there have already been 277 reported mass shootings — an average of more than one per day," Breyer wrote. He accused his colleagues in the majority of acting "without considering the poten-

tially deadly consequences" of their decision. He said the ruling would "severely" burden states' efforts to pass laws "that limit, in various ways, who may purchase, carry, or use firearms of different kinds."

Several other conservative justices who joined Thomas' majority opinion also wrote separately to add their views.

Justice Samuel Alito criticized Breyer's dissent, questioning the relevance of his discussion of mass shootings and other gun death statistics. Alito wrote that the court had decided "nothing about who may lawfully possess a firearm or the requirements that must be met to buy a gun" and nothing "about the kinds of weapons that people may possess."

"Today, unfortunately, many Americans have good reason to fear they will be victimized if they are unable to protect themselves." The Second Amendment, he said, "guarantees their right to do so."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, joined by Chief Justice John Roberts, noted the limits of the decision. States can still require people to get a license to carry a gun, Kavanaugh wrote, and condition that license on "fingerprinting, a background check, a mental health records check, and training in firearms handling and in laws regarding the use of force, among other possible requirements."

Before Thursday, the Supreme Court had not issued a major gun decision since 2010. In that decision and a ruling from 2008 the justices established a nationwide right to keep a gun at home for self-defense.

Biden plan gives LGBTQ students new protections

Changes would roll back controversial Trump-era rules

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

The rights of LGBTQ students would become enshrined in federal law and victims of campus sexual assault would gain new protections under new rules proposed by the Biden administration Thursday.

The proposal, announced on the 50th anniversary of the Title IX women's rights law, is intended to replace a set of controversial rules issued during the Trump administration by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

President Joe Biden's education secretary, Miguel Cardona, said that even though there have been significant strides toward gender equality, discrimination and sexual violence persist.

"Even as we celebrate all the progress we've achieved, standing up for equal access and inclusion is as important as ever before," he said.

The proposal is almost certain to be challenged by conservatives, and it is expected to lead to new legal battles over the rights of transgender students

in schools, especially in sports. It now faces a public feedback period before the administration can finalize any changes, meaning the earliest the policy is likely to take effect is next year.

In announcing its proposal, Biden's Education Department said DeVos' rules "weakened protections for survivors of sexual assault and diminished the promise of an education free from discrimination."

For the first time, the rules would formally protect LGBTQ students under Title IX. Nothing in the 1972 law explicitly addresses the topic, but the new proposal would clarify that the law applies to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

It would make clear that "preventing someone from participating in school programs and activities consistent with their gender identity would cause harm in violation of Title IX," according to the department. More specific rules dealing with the rights of transgender students in school sports will be released later, the department said.

Biden marked the anniversary of Title IX by acknowledging the impact the law has had in advancing equity but acknowledging there was more to do.

"As we look to the next 50 years, I am committed to protecting this progress and working to achieve full equality, inclusion, and dignity for women and girls, LGBTQ+ Americans, all students, and all Americans," he said in a statement.

Many of the proposed changes would restore Obama-era rules that DeVos' policy replaced. The definition of sexual harassment would be expanded to cover a wider range of misconduct. Schools would be required to address any allegation that creates a "hostile environment" for students, even if the misconduct arises off campus. Most college employees, including professors and coaches, would be required to notify campus officials if they learn of potential sex discrimination.

In a victory for victims' rights advocates, the proposal would eliminate a rule requiring colleges to hold live hearings to investigate sexual misconduct cases — one of the most divisive aspects of DeVos' policy. Live hearings would be allowed under the new policy, but colleges could also appoint campus officials to question students separately.

Biden's action drew praise from victims rights groups, LGBTQ advocates and Democratic lawmakers. "These proposed regulations demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting educational opportunities for all students including LGBTQ students," said Janson Wu, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. "Especially in light of ongoing state legislative attacks, we are grateful for the administration's strong



Protesters at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, stand for rape victims. Proposed federal rules would widen colleges' responsibilities on sexual misconduct. RICK BOWMER/AP 2016

support of LGBTQ youth."

Republicans in Congress were quick to denounce the proposal.

Rep. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, the top Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee, said the rules will "demolish due process rights and the safety of young women and girls across the country, with promised regulations still to come to undermine women's access to athletic opportunities."

If the proposal is finalized, it would mark the

second rewrite of federal Title IX rules in two years. DeVos' rules were intended to reverse Obama-era guidance. The Obama policy was embraced by victims' advocates but led to hundreds of lawsuits from accused students who said their colleges failed to give them a fair process to defend themselves.

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A shop sells packages of Juul e-cigarettes this week in Los Angeles before the FDA's ruling. MARIO TAMA/GETTY

FDA orders Juul to pull e-cigarette products off the market

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials Thursday ordered Juul to pull its electronic cigarettes from the U.S. market, the latest blow to the embattled company widely blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping.

The FDA said Juul must stop selling its vaping device and its tobacco and menthol flavored cartridges. Those already on the market must

be removed. Consumers aren't restricted from having or using Juul's products, the agency said.

To stay on the market, companies must show that their e-cigarettes benefit public health. In practice, that means proving that adult smokers who use them are likely to quit or reduce their smoking, while teens are unlikely to get hooked on them.

The FDA noted that some of the biggest sellers may have played a "dispro-

portionate" role in the rise in teen vaping. The agency said Juul's application didn't have enough evidence to show that marketing its products "would be appropriate for the protection of the public health."

Juul said it disagrees with the FDA's findings and will seek to put the ban on hold while the company considers its options, including a possible appeal.

In a statement, the FDA said Juul's application left regulators with significant

questions and didn't include enough information to evaluate any potential risks. The agency said the company's research included "insufficient and conflicting data" about things like potentially harmful chemicals leaching from Juul's cartridges.

The American Lung Association called Thursday's decision "long overdue and most welcome," and it cited Juul for stoking youth vaping.

E-cigarettes first appeared in the U.S. more than

a decade ago with the promise of providing smokers a less harmful alternative. The devices heat a nicotine solution into a vapor that's inhaled, bypassing many of the toxic chemicals produced by burning tobacco.

But studies have reached conflicting results about whether they help smokers quit. And efforts by the FDA to rule on vaping products and their claims were repeatedly slowed by industry lobbying and competing political interests.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Trump team sought to suppress virus data to states, Birx testifies

From news services

Dr. Deborah Birx, President Donald Trump's coronavirus response coordinator, told a congressional committee investigating the federal pandemic response that Trump White House officials asked her to change or delete parts of the weekly guidance she sent to state and local health officials, in what she described as a consistent effort to stifle information as virus cases surged in the second half of 2020.

Birx, who publicly testified to the panel Thursday, also told the committee that Trump White House officials withheld the reports from states during a winter outbreak and refused to publicly release the documents, which featured data on the virus' spread and recommendations for how to contain it.

Her account of White House interference came in a multiday interview the committee conducted in October 2021, which was released on Thursday with a set of emails Birx sent to colleagues in 2020 warning of the influence of a new White House pandemic adviser, Dr. Scott Atlas, who she said downplayed the threat of the virus.

The emails provide fresh insight into how Birx and Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, grappled with what Birx called the misinformation spread by Atlas.

The push to downplay the threat was so pervasive, Birx told committee investigators, that she developed techniques to avoid attention from White House officials who might have objected to her public health recommendations.

In reports she prepared for local health officials, she said, she would sometimes put ideas at the ends of

sentences so that colleagues skimming the text would not notice them.

In her testimony Thursday, she offered similarly withering assessments of the Trump administration's coronavirus response, suggesting that officials in 2020 had mistakenly viewed the coronavirus as akin to the flu even after seeing high COVID-19 death rates in Asia and Europe. That, she said, had caused a "false sense of security in America" as well as a "sense among the American people that this was not going to be a serious pandemic."

COVID-19 has killed more than 1 million Americans.

Monkeypox outbreak: The World Health Organization convenes its emergency committee Thursday in London to consider if the spiraling outbreak of monkeypox warrants being declared a global emergency. But some experts say the WHO's decision to act only after the disease spilled into the West could entrench the grotesque inequities that arose between rich and poor countries during the coronavirus pandemic.

Declaring monkeypox to be a global emergency would mean the U.N. health agency considers the outbreak to be an “extraordinary event” and that the disease is at risk of spreading across even more borders, possibly requiring a global response. It would also give monkeypox the same distinction as the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio.

The WHO said it did not expect to announce any decisions made by its committee before Friday.

Many scientists doubt any such declaration would help to curb the epidemic, since the developed countries recording the most recent

Earthquake fallout: Afghan men comb the ruins of a damaged house for their belongings Thursday in Paktika province, the epicenter of Wednesday's magnitude 6.0 temblor. State media reported that at least 1,000 people died, but U.N. estimates gave a lower death toll, saying around 770 people had been killed in Paktika and Khost provinces. **AHMAD SAHEL ARMAN/GETTY-APF**

cases are already moving to shut it down.

Okinawa ceremony: Okinawa marked the 77th anniversary Thursday of the end of one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, with the governor calling for a further reduction of the U.S. military presence there as local fears grow that the southern Japanese islands will become embroiled in regional military tension.

The Battle of Okinawa killed about 200,000 people, nearly half of them Okinawan residents. Japan's wartime military, in an attempt to delay a U.S. landing on the main islands, essentially sacrificed the local population.

Many in Okinawa are worried about the growing deployment of Japanese missile defense and amphibious capabilities on outer islands that are close to geopolitical hotspots like Taiwan.

At a ceremony marking the June 23, 1945, end of the battle, about 300 attendees

in Okinawa, including Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other officials, offered a moment of silence and placed chrysanthemums for the war dead. The number of attendants was scaled down because of coronavirus worries.

At the ceremony in Ito-
man city on Okinawa's main
island, Gov. Denny Tamaki
spoke of Russia's invasion of
Ukraine, saying the destruc-
tion of towns, buildings and
the local culture, as well as
Ukrainians' constant fear,
"remind us of our memory
of the ground battle on Oki-
nawa that embroiled citi-
zens 77 years ago."

"We are struck by unspeakable shock," he said.

Tamaki also vowed to continue efforts to abolish nuclear weapons and renounce war "in order to never let Okinawa become a battlefield."

Suu Kyi: Myanmar's military government Thursday confirmed that ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been moved to a prison

compound in quarters separate from other detainees.

Suu Kyi was arrested Feb. 1, 2021, when the army seized power from her elected government. She was initially held at her residence in Naypyitaw, the capital, but was later moved to at least one other location. For most of the past year, she has been held at an undisclosed location in Naypyitaw, generally believed to be on a military base.

Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun, spokesperson for the ruling military council, said Suu Kyi, having already been convicted in several cases, was transferred to the prison in accordance with the law.

Maxwell sentence: British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell should spend at least 30 years in prison for her role in the sexual abuse of teenage girls over a 10-year period by her onetime boyfriend, financier Jeffrey Epstein, prosecutors said in written arguments.

Prosecutors said she should serve 30 years to

55 years in prison, reflecting the federal sentencing guidelines. They made their recommendations late Wednesday to the judge who will preside over a sentencing hearing next week in Manhattan federal court.

Maxwell, 60, was convicted in December of sex trafficking and other crimes after a monthlong trial that featured testimony from four women who said they were abused in their teens.

Largest bacterium: Scientists have discovered the world's largest bacterium in a Caribbean mangrove swamp. Most bacteria are microscopic, but this one is so big it can be seen with the naked eye.

The thin white filament, about the size of a human eyelash, is "by far the largest bacterium known to date," said Jean-Marie Volland, a marine biologist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and co-author of a paper announcing the discovery Thursday in the journal *Science*.

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Atlantic fishing feud splits US, UK

Russia's flouting of species' catch limit at center of dispute

By Joshua Goodman
Associated Press

MIAMI — It's one of the world's highest-fetching wild caught fish, sold for \$32 a pound at Whole Foods and served up as meaty fillets on the menus of upscale eateries across the U.S.

But Russia's obstruction of longstanding conservation efforts, resulting in a unilateral rejection of catch limits for the Chilean sea bass in a protected region off the coast of South America, has triggered a fish fight at the bottom of the world, one dividing longtime allies the U.S. and U.K. governments.

The diplomatic feud, which has not been previously reported, intensified after the U.K. quietly issued commercial licenses this spring to fish for the sea bass off the coast of South Georgia, a remote, uninhabited U.K.-controlled island some 870 miles east of the Falkland Islands.

As a result, for the first time since governments banded together 40 years ago to protect marine life near the South Pole, deep-sea fishing for the pointy-toothed fish is proceeding this season without any catch limit from the 26-member Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources or CCAMLR.

The move essentially transformed overnight one of the world's best-managed fisheries into a France-sized stretch of outlaw ocean — at least in the eyes of U.S. officials threatening to bar U.K. imports from the area.

"In a world beset by conflict, the U.K. is playing a risky game," said Will McCallum, head of oceans at Greenpeace U.K. "The history of Antarctic protection is one of peaceful cooperation for the common good of humanity. Russia's



Fillets of Chilean sea bass caught near the U.K.-controlled island of South Georgia are offered for sale last week at a Whole Foods Market in Cleveland, Ohio. The species is at the center of a diplomatic row between the U.S. and U.K. JOSHUA GOODMAN/AP

consistent willingness to abuse the process cannot excuse unilateral action by other members. We trust that countries who have previously imported South Georgia toothfish will not accept the catch of what is now an unregulated fishery."

For decades, the fishery near South Georgia was a poster child for international fisheries cooperation, one that brought together sometimes adversarial powers like Russia, China and the U.S. to protect the chilly, crystal blue southern ocean from the sort of fishing free-for-all seen on the high seas.

Last year, as tensions with the West were rising over Ukraine, Russia took the unprecedented step of rejecting the toothfish catch limits proposed by CCAMLR scientists. The move was tantamount to a unilateral veto because

of rules, common to many international fisheries pacts, that require all decisions to be made by unanimous agreement.

But critics say the U.K.'s response — issuing licenses without a CCAMLR-approved catch limit — is unlawful under the commission's rules and weakens the Antarctica Treaty established during the Cold War to set aside the continent as a scientific preserve.

U.S. officials have also privately told their U.K. counterparts that they would likely bar imports of any toothfish caught near South Georgia, according to correspondence between U.S. fisheries managers and members of Congress seen by The Associated Press.

The fight underscores how Russia's attempts to undermine the West have extended to even obscure forums normally removed

from geopolitical tussles. It also risks reviving Britain's tensions with Argentina, which invaded South Georgia in 1982 as part of its war with the U.K. over the Falkland Islands.

But the outcome couldn't be more consequential: With fish stocks across the globe declining due to overfishing, consumers are demanding greater transparency about where the filets on their plates are sourced.

Central to that effort is rules-based international fisheries management on the open ocean and environmentally sensitive areas like the polar regions.

"It sets a dangerous precedent," said Evan Bloom, who for 15 years, until his retirement from the State Department in 2020, led the U.S. delegation to CCAMLR.

"What the Russians did clearly violates the spirit of science-based fisher-

ies management," added Bloom, who is now an expert on polar issues at the Wilson Center in Washington. "But that doesn't necessarily mean that the U.K. can act unilaterally."

Three of the four vessels authorized by the U.K. to fish near South Georgia starting May 1 belong to Argos Froyanes, a British-Norwegian company that pioneered commercial fishing techniques credited with dramatically reducing seabird mortality in the south Atlantic.

One of its customers is New York-based Mark Foods, the largest U.S. supplier of sea bass certified by the Marine Stewardship Council, the industry's gold standard for sustainability.

CEO Barry Markman declined an interview request but said his company would not import any product deemed illegal by

U.S. authorities.

"We have been working collaboratively with U.S. officials to resolve this situation in a favorable manner," he wrote in an e-mail.

Chilean seabass — the commercial name of Patagonia toothfish — from South Georgia is sold at both Whole Foods and Orlando-based Darden Restaurants, which operates the fine-dining chains Eddie V's and The Capital Grille.

Neither company responded to a request for comment.

An official from the government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, which issued the licenses in coordination with the U.K. foreign office, said it took action so as not to give in to obstructionist tactics by Russia that it doesn't expect will end anytime soon.

The fishery is one of the best managed in the world, with catch limits set by South Georgia below even the quota recommended by CCAMLR. In addition, all vessels authorized to fish near the island have observers and tamper-proof electronic monitoring equipment on board.

Officials say that closing the fishery would've taken valuable resources away from research and monitoring because about 70% of the island chain's budget comes from the sale of licenses.

They point out that the population of toothfish — a bottom-dwelling species capable of living up to 50 years — almost collapsed in the 1990s due to poachers who were drawn by the high prices paid for the bottom-dwelling fish, which can weigh over 200 pounds. However, thanks in part to the multinational efforts of CCAMLR, the species has bounced back.

"The solution isn't ideal but it is in the best interest of the fishery," according to the South Georgia official, who declined to be identified by name.



Supporters of Ukraine's inclusion in the European Union show their approval Thursday outside the EU summit in Brussels. The bloc approved the action unanimously. OLIVIER MATTHYS/AP

WAR IN UKRAINE

EU leaders grant candidate status to Ukraine, Moldova

By Samuel Petrequin
and Mike Corder
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union agreed Thursday to put Ukraine on a path toward EU membership, acting with uncharacteristic speed and unity to pull the embattled country further away from Russia's influence and bind it more closely to the West.

Meeting at a summit in Belgium, leaders of the EU's 27 nations mustered the required unanimous approval to grant Ukraine candidate status. That sets in motion a membership process that could take years or even decades.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy tweeted his gratitude and declared: "Ukraine's future is within the EU."

"It's a victory. We have been waiting for 120 days and 30 years," he said on Instagram, referring to the duration of the war and the decades since Ukraine became independent upon the breakup of the Soviet Union. "And now we will defeat the enemy."

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen pronounced it a "good day for Europe."

There was no immediate reaction from the Kremlin.

The EU also gave candidate status to the tiny country of Moldova, another former Soviet republic that borders Ukraine.

Ukraine applied for membership less than a week after Moscow invaded Feb. 24.

To gain EU membership, countries must meet a detailed host of economic and political conditions, including a commitment to the rule of law and other democratic principles. Ukraine will have to curb government corruption and adopt other reforms.

The European Parliament endorsed Ukraine's bid hours before the summit started, passing a resolution that called on EU governments to "move without delay."

The EU nations have been united in backing Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion with money and weapons, adopting unprecedented economic sanc-

tions against the Kremlin.

EU candidate status doesn't provide any immediate security guarantees. Once a country gains membership, however, it is covered under an EU treaty clause that says if a member falls victim to armed aggression, the other EU countries are obligated to assist it by all means in their power.

The main benefits of EU membership, though, are economic, since it gives access to a market of 450 million consumers with free movement of labor, goods, services and capital.

Ukraine has long aspired to join NATO, too, but the military alliance is not about to offer an invitation, in part because of the country's corruption, shortcomings in its defense establishment, and its contested borders.

The EU's leaders also agreed Thursday to recognize a "European perspective" for another former Soviet republic, Georgia. European Council President Charles Michel said the EU will be ready to approve its candidate status once "outstanding priorities" are addressed.

Gun bill nears passage after Senate gets past GOP delays

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate pushed a bipartisan gun violence bill to the brink of passage Thursday as it voted to halt a Republican filibuster against the measure, clearing the way for Congress' most far-reaching response in decades to the nation's run of brutal mass shootings.

After years of GOP procedural delays that derailed Democratic efforts to curb firearms, Democrats and some Republicans decided congressional inaction was untenable following last month's horrific rampages in New York and Texas.

It took nearly a month of closed-door talks but a group of senators from both parties emerged with an 80-page compromise. The measure would toughen background checks for the youngest gun buyers, keep firearms from more domestic violence offenders and help states implement "red flag" laws that make it easier for authorities to take weapons from people deemed dangerous. It would also fund local programs for school safety, mental health and violence prevention.

Thursday's roll call ending the blockade by conservative GOP senators was 65-34, five more than the 60 votes needed. Final passage of the \$13 billion measure was expected by week's end with a House vote to follow, though timing was uncertain.

"This is not a cure-all for all the ways gun violence affects our nation," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., whose party has made gun restrictions a goal for years. "But it is a long overdue step in the right direction."

"The American people want their constitutional rights protected and their kids to be safe in school," said Senate Minority



Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, a lead in the bipartisan talks to rein in gun violence, meets with reporters on Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in a nod to the Second Amendment that drives many conservative voters. "They want both of those things at once, and that is just what the bill before the Senate will have accomplished."

Thursday's vote occurred minutes after the right-leaning Supreme Court issued a decision expanding the right of Americans to carry arms in public.

Senate action came after a gunman on May 24 killed 19 students and two teachers in Uvalde. Ten days earlier, a white man accused of being motivated by racism killed 10 Black grocery store shoppers in Buffalo. Both shooters were 18.

The talks were led by Sens. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Thom Tillis, R-N.C. Murphy represented Newtown, Connecticut, when an assailant killed 20 students and six staffers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, while Cornyn has been involved in past gun talks following mass shootings in his state and is close to McConnell.

The bill would make the local juvenile records of people 18 to 20 years old available during required federal background checks when they attempt to buy

guns. Those examinations, currently limited to three days, would last up to a maximum of 10 days to give federal and local officials time to search records.

People convicted of domestic abuse who are current or former romantic partners of the victim would be prohibited from acquiring firearms, closing the so-called "boyfriend loophole."

That ban currently only applies to people married to, living with or who've had children with the victim.

There would be money to help states enforce "red flag" laws and for other states without them for violence prevention programs. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have "red flag" laws and Cornyn — whose state does not — demanded the inclusion of all states during the negotiations.

The measure expands the use of background checks by rewriting the definition of the federally licensed gun dealers required to conduct them. Penalties for gun trafficking are strengthened, billions of dollars are provided for behavioral health clinics and school mental health programs and there's money for school safety initiatives, though not for personnel to use a "dangerous weapon."

WORLD & NATION

Cubans’ border welcome warmer

Migrants seeing benefit from US immigration chaos

By Dianne Solis
The Dallas Morning News

EAGLE PASS, Texas — A smile spread over the face of Yoima Paisan-Viltre, a Cuban migrant, after passage over the emerald waters of the Rio Grande and through release by U.S. border guards. A bandana with the red, white and blue of the U.S. flag held her curly black hair.

“I can hardly believe it. I have arrived,” she squealed.

Arrival was in a small border town of 29,000 on the Rio Grande that’s morphed into one of the biggest venues for attempted entry into the United States. Paisan-Viltre was one of the lucky migrants. This thinly populated Texas border region is the top route in for Cubans.

The current exodus from the island nation likely will exceed the historic 1980 Mariel boatlift.

About 125,000 Cubans came to the U.S. then. Through May this fiscal year, about 140,000 Cubans have been caught by federal immigration agents — at a time of overall high migration not seen in more than two decades.

They typically make passage with flights to Nicaragua, which loosened visa requirements. Then they travel by land through two more Central American countries and into Mexico.

The vast majority — nearly 98% — have not been expelled quickly under the controversial public health order known as Title 42. Instead, they’ve been allowed entry into the U.S. and either receive humanitarian parole or will face immigration judges where they can launch a defense for staying.

Their treatment illustrates the deep chaos of a system



A group of mostly Cuban migrants is met by Border Patrol agents last month after reaching the U.S. via Mexico. JUAN FIGUEROA/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

governed by law, policy memos, court injunctions — and diplomatic relations that can snag all the above.

Paisan-Viltre views it in simple terms of liberty and love. She came for liberty, she said, and the need to put the economic collapse of her native land behind her. Her husband made his way to Houston ahead of her, she said, proudly showing a photo of him on her cellphone.

The arrival of so many Cubans now is the result of a cluster of economic and geopolitical forces.

“It’s a perfect storm,” said Dr. Michael Bustamante, a Cuban historian at the University of Miami. “For starters, Cuba is in the midst of its worst economic crisis in 30 years. That crisis predates COVID. That was made a lot worse by it for an economy that depends

as much as Cuba’s does on something like tourism.”

Key to the increasing numbers are the politics of the region. Nicaragua, a political ally of Havana, said Cubans could come into their country without a visa last November.

“All of a sudden, Cubans had a closer point of visa free access to the mainland Americas... from which they could begin a journey north,” Bustamante said.

Many Cubans are processed and released into the U.S. with humanitarian parole, which is part of immigration law rather than Title 42 public health law. Humanitarian parole would put Cubans on a path to legal residency under the Cuban Adjustment Act, a feature within the complicated immigration laws. But Cubans are clearly averting a Title 42 expulsion that

usually comes within hours of arrival across the Rio Grande.

A Customs and Border Protection spokesman said he had no statistics on how many Cubans actually received humanitarian parole. Another CBP spokesman said the light use of Title 42 may be limited for several reasons, including “Mexico’s capacity to receive those individuals.”

Sending Cubans back to Cuba under Title 42 isn’t an easy option, migration experts note.

“We don’t have full diplomatic relations with Cuba,” said Theresa Cardinal Brown, a former DHS official who worked in Republican and Democratic administrations from 2005 to 2011 and is now at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington. “And we need to be able to work with those

governments to accept their people back. We can’t just randomly fly people into a country... They have sovereignty, too. And so we have to be able to work with the government to accept their people back.”

Cardinal Brown said she hasn’t seen this much chaos in immigration policy before. In 2000, immigration arrests by the Border Patrol reached about 200,000 or more a month — like recent months at the southwest border, according to CBP. Unaccompanied minors, traveling without a parent or legal guardian, have a specific policy for them, for example.

“What you can actually do is determined more day to day by what the latest court decision or injunction,” she said, noting that a new court decision provides stronger protections for

migrant families with fears of violence.

“None of these migration phenomenons is a product of one single thing, right? It’s the product of a sequence of things. And that also means that there’s not a single solution.”

Chaos for some is an opportunity for Cubans, said Andrew Selee, president of the Migration Policy Institute, a D.C. nonprofit.

“It’s the least risky time in modern memory,” he said. “Even the Mariel boatlift was more dangerous.”

But the disparate treatment of migrants can be seen starkly by crossing the river from Eagle Pass into Mexico. Many from El Salvador and Honduras can be found in the streets of its cross-border sister city, Piedras Negras, where they have been expelled under Title 42.

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Powell: Fed reassuring public it can cut inflation

Chair testifies to House panel that consumers expect economic pain to subside

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As if their job weren't hard enough at a time of raging inflation, Chair Jerome Powell and his Federal Reserve colleagues have to do more these days than decide just how much to raise interest rates without triggering a recession.

They also have a sales job on their hands: Persuading the public that they will succeed in reducing inflation — now at 8.6%, a four decade high — to the central bank's goal of 2% a year.

On Thursday, Powell told Congress that Americans do seem reassured — for now: Measures of consumer sentiment show that people generally think inflation will eventually subside.

"People do expect inflation to come back down to levels that are consistent with our price stability mandate," Powell told the House Financial Services Committee on the second of two days of testimony as part of the Fed's semiannual report to

Congress. "But we haven't had a test like this. We haven't had an extended period of high inflation for a long time. So it's not a comfortable place to be."

If the Fed failed to reassure the public that it can curb inflation, many Americans would assume that prices were heading ever higher. Their likely responses — demanding increasingly higher wages or rushing to make purchases now before prices go even higher — could worsen inflation.

Powell and the Fed are in the hot seat because inflation — an economic afterthought for decades — has shot to the top of threats to the economy and concerns of American households. Average wages are rising, but not nearly enough to keep up with accelerating prices.

Economists blame a confluence of factors for the inflationary surge. Fueled by super-low interest rates and vast government aid programs, the economy rebounded with surprising speed from the pandemic recession in the spring of 2020. Businesses scrambled to recall laid-off workers and

buy enough supplies to keep up with soaring customer demand. The result was shortages of labor and materials, delays and higher prices. Russia's invasion of Ukraine drove energy and food prices even higher.

President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus last year added heat to an economy that was already boiling, as many committee Republicans emphasized in Thursday's hearing.

After being slow to recognize the inflation threat, the Fed has been moving aggressively. Last week, it raised its benchmark short-term interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point — its biggest hike since 1994 — and has signaled that more sizable rate hikes are coming. It also raised rates in March and May. Those rate increases will make it costlier for consumers and businesses to borrow, for homes, cars and other long-lasting goods.

The Fed is pursuing the high-risk challenge of gliding the U.S. economy in for a so-called soft landing — raising rates and slowing the economy enough to tame inflation without sending it into a recession.

Settlement erases \$6B in student loan debts

By Stacy Cowley
The New York Times

Around 200,000 former students who attended schools that they said defrauded them will have \$6 billion in federal loans canceled under a sweeping settlement announced Wednesday, the latest move by the Biden administration to address the student loan crisis by eliminating some debts.

Those who applied for relief — some as long as seven years ago — will have their loans wiped out if they attended one of over 150 schools named in the class-action settlement, nearly all of which are for-profit colleges and vocational programs.

The deal reverses 128,000 denial notices that were sent to relief applicants during the Trump administration.

Many of the schools included in the settlement are out of business. They include large chains like the Art Institutes and other campuses run by the Dream Center, whose operations collapsed in 2019, and those owned by Career Education Corp. The latter, at its peak, enrolled tens of thousands of students at more than 100 locations.

The deal also includes colleges still operating, including the University of Phoenix.

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona called the deal "fair and equitable."

The Education Department granted relief to applicants from the schools included in the deal "based on strong indicia regarding substantial misconduct by listed schools, whether credibly alleged or in some instances proven," according to the papers filed with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Those borrowers' loans will be eliminated, and any payments they made will be refunded.

The deal still must be approved by a federal judge.



Carmaker Rivian has only 19 U.S. showrooms and service centers, including this one in El Segundo, Calif. ALEX WELSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Auto dealers: A dying breed?

Direct, online sales by Tesla, others force big carmakers to reevaluate old retailing ritual

By Paul Stenquist
The New York Times

In 2019, many auto experts said Tesla was making a big mistake by deciding to sell cars only online, arguing that whatever bad feelings people had about dealerships, they were essential to the car business.

But the strategy, which combines direct sales with a limited number of stores and service centers, appears to be proving the naysayers wrong. The company dominates the fast-growing electric car market even as other manufacturers struggle to sell cars because of a shortage of computer chips.

Tesla's approach, which has been copied by other young electric carmakers like Rivian and Lucid Motors, could eventually have major ramifications for the auto industry. Car companies and dealers may have to eventually adopt some of the changes Tesla has introduced to win over buyers who have grown used to buying cars online.

People who have traded in conventional cars for electric vehicles made by Tesla and newer companies said they were pleased

with the experience and would consider buying future cars in the same way.

"Easiest big purchase of my life, crazy easy," Rachel Ryan, who lives near Los Angeles, said about her 2021 purchase of a Tesla Model Y. "I bought it while my husband was at work," she added.

Tesla, Rivian and Lucid customers can buy only online and directly from the manufacturer. But online car shopping appeals to a large proportion of all car buyers, even those buying combustion-engine cars through dealerships, said Michelle Krebs, an executive analyst for Cox Automotive.

"Our data shows consumers want to do more of the process online but most don't want to eliminate the dealer visit altogether," Krebs said. "They just wanted the dealer experience to be something else — focused on the product, the features of the product and a test drive."

Ford Motor Co. CEO Jim Farley, at an investor conference this month, likened what is happening in the auto industry to the retail sector, where the rise of Amazon forced established retailers to sell more on the internet and use physical stores in new ways.

"It's kind of like what happened between Amazon and Target," Farley said. "Target could have gone away, but they didn't. They bolted on an e-commerce platform, and

then they use their physical store to add groceries and make returns much easier than Amazon."

Established automakers are unlikely to do away with dealerships for another reason: State laws often require them to sell cars through franchised dealers and can make it hard or impossible for automakers to deal directly with customers.

Tesla has lobbied state lawmakers to change laws governing auto sales and has gotten lawmakers in many places to allow the company and other automakers that never had dealerships to sell cars directly to customers.

The National Automobile Dealers Association, which represents dealers, has long opposed direct sales of cars and has urged lawmakers to require Tesla to use dealers, arguing that dealerships are vital to the auto industry and local economies. They have also said Tesla's approach is much less convenient for car buyers and owners.

"Franchised dealers are absolutely essential to widespread EV adoption in the U.S.," Jared Allen, a spokesperson for NADA, said in an email. And as more legacy automakers enter the EV market, "effectively selling to these mass-market customers requires leveraging — not rejecting — the existing franchised dealership network," he added.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

30-year mortgage rate rises to 5.81%

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates inched up this week following the biggest jump in 35 years last week.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate ticked up to 5.81% this week, from last week's 5.78%. Last week's average — which jumped more than a half-point from the previous week — was the highest since November 2008 during the housing crisis. One year ago, the average 30-year rate was 3.02%.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 4.92% from 4.81% last week. A year ago, the rate was 2.34%.

Higher borrowing rates appear to be slowing the housing market, an important pillar of the economy.

Fewer Americans seek jobless aid

WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans applied for jobless benefits last week as the U.S. job market remains robust despite four-decade high inflation and other economic pressures.

Applications for jobless aid for the week ending June 18 fell to 229,000, a decline of 2,000 from the previous week, the Labor Department reported Thursday. First-time applications generally mirror the number of layoffs.

The four-week average for claims, which smooths out some week-to-week volatility, rose by 4,500 from the previous week, to 223,500.

Jobless claims applications the past few weeks, though still relatively low, have been the highest since the first weeks of 2022.

Germany raises alarm over natural gas crisis

By Melissa Eddy
The New York Times

Germany triggered the second stage of its three-step emergency gas plan Thursday, warning Germans that the country is in a crisis that could worsen in coming months.

"The situation is serious and winter will come," Robert Habeck, Germany's economy minister, told reporters in Berlin. The plan's third step would permit the government to begin gas rationing.

"Even if you don't feel it yet: We are in a gas crisis," he said. "Gas is a scarce commodity from now on."

The announcement comes a week after Russian's state energy giant, Gazprom, reduced the amount of natural gas it was

delivering to Germany by 60%, in what appeared to be the latest move to punish Europe for sanctions and military support for Ukraine.

Habeck called Gazprom's cutbacks a deliberate economic attack by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"It is obviously Putin's strategy to create insecurity, drive up prices and divide us as a society," he said.

Since late March, when Germany entered the first phase of its plan, the government has focused on increasing its gas storage, which is at more than 58% capacity.

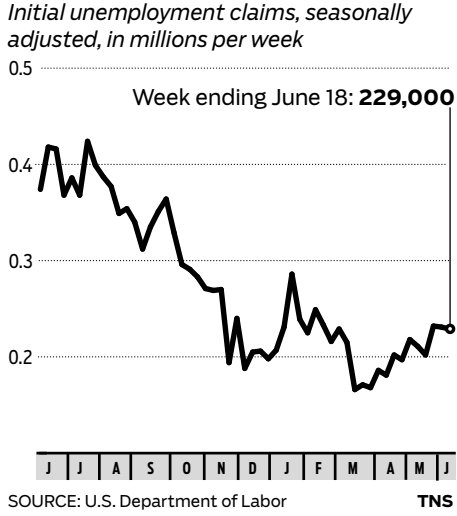
But activating the second stage of the emergency plan means the government sees a high risk of long-term supply shortages.

The German government approved a \$15.7 billion line of credit Wednesday for utilities to purchase natural gas to fill storage facilities. In addition, the government plans to launch a program that would help the gas system cope by encouraging companies to suspend their use of gas temporarily. The unused fuel would then be made available for other industrial users for the cheapest price.

But the government decided against allowing gas providers to pass on the soaring costs of energy to customers, after businesses pushed back against the measure.

German companies have been looking for alternative energy sources and ways to save gas, and Habeck said they reduced their use by around 8% in recent weeks.

Jobless claims



BUSINESS



Facebook parent company Meta agreed Tuesday to court oversight of the social media giant's ad-targeting system due to discrimination concerns. **NOAH BERGER/GETTY-AFP 2021**

Facebook, US in deal to stop discriminatory housing ads

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook will change its algorithms to prevent discriminatory housing advertising and its parent company will subject itself to court oversight to settle a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In a news release this week, U.S. government officials said Meta Platforms Inc., formerly known as Facebook Inc., said it reached an agreement to settle the lawsuit filed the same day in Manhattan federal court.

According to the release, it was the Justice Department's first case challenging algorithmic discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. Facebook will now be subject to Justice Department approval and court oversight for its ad targeting and delivery system.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams called the lawsuit "groundbreaking." Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke called it "historic."

Ashley Settle, a Facebook spokesperson, said in an email that the company was "building a novel machine

learning method without our ads system that will change the way housing ads are delivered to people residing in the U.S. across different demographic groups."

She said the company would extend its new method for ads related to employment and credit in the U.S.

Williams said Facebook's technology has in the past violated the Fair Housing Act online "just as when companies engage in discriminatory advertising using more traditional advertising methods."

Clarke said "companies like Meta have a responsibility to ensure their algorithmic tools are not used in a discriminatory manner."

According to terms of the settlement, Facebook will stop using an advertising tool for housing ads that the government said employed a discriminatory algorithm to locate users who "look like" other users based on characteristics protected by the Fair Housing Act, the Justice Department said. By Dec. 31, Facebook must stop using the tool once called "Lookalike Audience," which relies on an

algorithm that the U.S. said discriminates on the basis of race, sex and other characteristics.

Facebook also will develop a new system over the next half-year to address racial and other disparities caused by its use of personalization algorithms in its delivery system for housing ads, it said.

If the new system is inadequate, the settlement agreement can be terminated, the Justice Department said. Per the settlement, Meta also must pay a penalty of just over \$115,000.

The announcement comes after Facebook agreed in March 2019 to overhaul its ad-targeting systems to prevent discrimination in housing, credit and employment ads as part of a legal settlement with a group including the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Fair Housing Alliance and others.

The changes announced then were designed so advertisers who wanted to run housing, employment or credit ads would no longer be allowed to target people by their age, gender or ZIP code.

Energy regulators probe New England grid operator

Federal officials launch investigation over payments to a Massachusetts power plant

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

In an unusual move, federal energy regulators have launched a probe of New England's electric grid operator over payments to a Massachusetts power plant that filed for bankruptcy in March, the grid operator said Thursday.

ISO-New England in Holyoke, Massachusetts, said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is investigating possible fraud and violations of the grid operator's rules for charging for electricity costs related to a Massachusetts power plant.

"FERC has alleged that the project developer engaged in a fraudulent scheme to deceive the ISO and the market and failed to provide the ISO with complete and relevant information," ISO said.

Regulators also will investigate the ISO's role in administering a power auction known as the capacity market, ISO said. It has "cooperated fully" with the investigation, ISO said.

ISO said it has been limited by confidentiality agreements in disclosing details of the investigation, but acted after Salem Harbor Power Development, formerly known as Footprint Power, filed several bankruptcy court motions.

FERC would not comment. Salem Harbor, a natural gas-fired power plant outside Boston, did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

FERC is investigating allegations that Salem Harbor Power Development failed to provide accurate and complete



Central Maine Power utility lines are shown Oct. 6, 2021, in Pownal, Maine. Federal energy regulators have launched a probe of New England's electric grid operator over payments to a Massachusetts power plant that filed for bankruptcy in March. **ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP**

information to ISO New England ahead of the plant's commercial operation date.

In 2017, Salem Harbor missed its proposed commercial operation date, yet collected market payments under market rules that existed at the time, ISO said. ISO, citing information from Salem Harbor's bankruptcy filing, said FERC's preliminary findings allege that Salem Harbor Power Development violated ISO New England and FERC rules by not updating all information relevant to the ISO's evaluation of the feasibility of the project and its ability to meet the May 31, 2017, commercial operation date.

"FERC also alleges that the project engaged in a fraudulent scheme to deceive the ISO and the market into believing that the project would meet the

commercial operation date to ensure that the facility would receive the capacity payments," ISO said.

FERC alleges that the ISO should have known Salem Harbor Power Development would be late, that it gave the developer advice helping the project avoid the consequences of failing to meet its commercial operation date and that it should have forced Salem Harbor Power Development to sell its supply obligation.

ISO New England denies the allegations and asked regulators to dismiss the matter as it pertains to its actions. It said it has changed capacity market rules to include an automatic financial penalty for resources that are late.

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MARKET RUNDOWN

Friday, June 24, 2022

▲ **DOW**
30,677.36 +194.23

▼ **10-YR T-BOND**
3.07% -.08

▼ **GOLD**
\$1,825.70 -8.60

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 30,677.36
Change: 194.23 (0.6%)

10 DAYS

Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	104.27	106.19	+38.64%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.24	6.86	+67.27%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.77	3.83	+68.99%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,825.70	1,834.30	-.10%
Silver (oz)	21.03	21.41	-9.84%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange			
	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx	
Britain	1.2253	.8161	
Canada	.7691	1.3002	
China	.1493	6.6984	
Euro	1.0519	.9507	
Japan	.007409	134.96	
Mexico	.049977	20.0090	

Money Rates			
	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.00	
3-mo. T-Bill	1.62	1.72	
6-mo. T-Bill	2.43	2.31	
5-yr T-Note	3.14	3.38	
10-yr T-Note	3.07	3.39	
30-yr T-Bond	3.18	3.41	

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	12,912.59	-231.69	-1.76% -18.71%
London	7,020.45	-68.77	-.97% -4.93%
Hong Kong	21,273.87	+265.53	+1.26% -9.08%
Nikkei	26,171.25	+21.70	+.08% -9.10%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	30,677.36	+194.23	-15.58%
DOW Trans.	13,032.21	+117.36	-20.91%
DOW Util.	935.74	+23.36	-4.59%
NYSE Comp.	14,402.12	+49.34	-16.09%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,232.19	+179.11	-28.21%
S&P 500	3,795.73	+35.84	-20.36%
S&P 400	2,254.36	+13.43	-20.68%
Wilshire 5000	37,752.88	+425.04	-22.10%
Russell 2000	1,711.67	+21.39	-23.77%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.05	-.55	-55.7	
AT&T Inc (T)	20.61	+.29	-16.2	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	82.43	-1.32	-42.7	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	112.44	+3.49	-32.6	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	12.98	-.12	-27.7	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	64.03	+.68	-26.8	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.11	+.10	-21.9	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	138.27	+2.92	-22.1	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.75	+.97	-8.3	
Bank of America (BAC)	32.08	-.52	-27.9	
Barnes Group (B)	31.43	-.33	-32.5	
Blue Hat Interactive (BHAT)	2.73	+1.98	-37.0	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1835.06	-54.78	-23.5	
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.18	+0.00	-51.1	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	77.69	+1.14	+24.6	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	92.37	+1.08	-10.5	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.65	+.03	-52.8	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	34.82	+.04	-35.0	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	455.13	+6.89	-30.2	
Cigna Corp (CI)	259.68	+3.78	+13.1	
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	42.93	-.64	-32.3	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.11	+.21	-22.3	
Disney (DIS)	94.30	+.80	-39.1	
EMCOR Group Inc (ETE)	100.11	+.76	-21.4	
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	9.79	-.21	+19.0	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	21.31	+.66	-18.9	
Eversource Energy (ES)	82.10	+1.52	-9.8	
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.17	-.02	-81.0	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	85.21	-2.65	+39.3	
Ford Motor (F)	11.56	+.08	-44.3	
Freeprot McMoran (FCX)	29.57	-1.75	-29.1	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.93	+.16	-24.4	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	216.60	+.59	+3.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	64.07	-.47	-32.2	
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	2.94	+.45	-64.6	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.74	+.18	-61.6	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	62.81	-2.42	-9.0	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	174.57	-3.16	-16.3	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.30	+.15	-29.0	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.44	+.12	-27.1	
Intel Corp (INTC)	37.41	+.03	-27.4	
Kaman (KAMN)	30.94	-1.00	-28.3	
Keycorp (KEY)	17.00	-.41	-26.5	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	45.95	-1.96	-32.7	
M&T Bank (MTB)	159.64	-5.08	+3.9	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	27.17	-.16	-39.5	
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	158.75	+2.90	-52.8	
MetLife Inc (MET)	61.33	-.42	-1.9	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.46	-.14	-72.1	
Novartis AG (NVS)	81.86	+.35	-6.4	
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.00	+.06	-57.4	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	162.25	-1.35	-44.8	
Occid Petl (OXY)	56.09	+.32	+93.5	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	68.59	-.17	-21.2	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.46	+.45	-48.1	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	50.09	+1.02	-15.2	
Phoenix Motor Inc (PEV)	6.64	+.81	+63.5	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.75	+.04	-43.4	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	92.49	-.68	-14.6	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	60.43	+.61	-9.4	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.76	-.80	+6.6	
Revlon Inc (REV)	7.20	-.94	-36.5	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	260.14	+.56	-4.7	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	34.48	+3.36	-66.6	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	57.83	+.90	-29.5	
Shift Technologies A (SFT)	.88	+.17	-74.2	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	13.94	+.86	-70.4	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.78	+.18	-63.4	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.53	-.33	+40.1	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	106.44	+.44	-43.6	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	21.50	+.29	-11.5	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.37	+.02	-36.0	
TDH Holdings Inc (PETZ)	2.94	+1.04	-96.2	
Terex Corp (TEX)	27.89	-.48	-36.5	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	705.21	-3.05	-33.3	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	159.77	-3.38	+2.1	
United Rentals (URI)	235.84	-5.51	-29.0	
UniteHealth Group (UNH)	499.81	+10.13	-.5	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	182.92	+.77	-38.4	
Visionary Edu Tech (VEDU)	1.85	+1.12	-63.0	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	57.53	-1.14	-13.2	
Vroom Inc (VRM)	1.61	+.43	-85.1	
Webster Financial (WBS)	42.72	-1.10	-23.5	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1240.77	+5.12	+22.4	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	59.43	-.88	+20.4	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	46.76	+1.06	-39.6	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	15.74	-.43	-30.5	

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Biden shares much of the blame for gasoline crisis

By Derrick Morgan
The Heritage Foundation

Calling the gasoline supply crunch “Putin’s price hike” hasn’t worked for President Joe Biden, so now he’s trying a different tactic: blaming oil companies. His June 15 letter to seven major refiners complains about profit margins and a lack of supply in the U.S. market.

But this is a little like Will Smith complaining that his hand hurt after slapping Chris Rock. Truthfully, Biden shares much of the blame.

Biden, like many others on the left, has made no secret that he wants to end all fossil fuels. Of course, crude oil is practically worthless until it’s refined and turned into gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other useful products. Noting that pump prices are increasing even above the cost of crude oil, Biden wants answers. The U.S. refining industry has lost about 1 million barrels per day of refining capacity over the last few years, and with the return of demand post-pandemic, there is a supply crunch.

Yet even as Biden says he may use “all reasonable and appropriate Federal Government tools and emergency authorities to increase refinery capacity and

output in the near term,” his administration has taken multiple steps that have the predictable effect of decreasing supply of fuels by decreasing refining capacity. Yes, the pandemic took a toll, and yes, some of his bad policies were also pursued by others, but Biden and his allies are largely at fault for the tight supply environment.

He has repeatedly talked about ending the fossil fuel industry as the primary way to reduce emissions. When the president of the United States promises the extinction of entire industry classes, investors notice. Any prudent company would consider the government’s regulations in making investment decisions, particularly since refineries require huge upfront investment and long payback periods.

The companies that Biden is requiring to explain “any reduction in your refining capacity since 2020” are the same ones he and his allies have been pressuring to reduce their emissions by reducing production. The Securities and Exchange Commission in June closed its comment period on rules that will require every public company to disclose its climate impact — up and down its supply chain. The only way to reduce emissions on the scale the administration wants (50% by

2030, 100% by 2050) is to eliminate the demand for products that come from fossil fuels, including oil and derivative products.

Let’s hope the companies bluntly tell the president the truth: They are reducing capacity largely because of bad public policies that he supports.

Another government-supplied monkey wrench: the renewable fuel standard. Started in 2005, the RFS requires increasing the amount of ethanol in the nation’s gasoline supply, even past the 10% envisioned by Congress. Cars were not made to run on ethanol, and once the requirements passed the 10% barrier that most cars can handle, the program got incredibly expensive.

Worse, the RFS hits independent refiners, who tend to be smaller and less profitable, hardest. In the past, some have pointed to the RFS as the reason they have closed. Incredibly, Biden recently finalized new RFS rules that increase the biofuel requirements to all-time highs, increasing compliance costs. What happened to “first do no harm,” Mr. President?

Other biofuel boosting programs like California’s low carbon fuels standard and the federal biodiesel tax credit combine with RFS to cajole massive investments

in renewable diesel facilities, many by major refining companies. Thanks to these carrots and sticks, renewable diesel has become highly profitable (and unlike other lower carbon fuels, indistinguishable to the final customer). Refiners have responded to the policy. The problem is, companies are converting refineries to biofuel plants with significantly lower capacity.

Take the Martinez refinery in California. Before conversion to biofuels, its capacity was more than 160,000 barrels per day. After conversion, it will produce 48,000 barrels per day. At least four plants are making such a conversion.

Such conversions and investments, costing billions of dollars, are made with decadeslong time horizons in order to get a return. What rational investor would make huge investments in an industry the White House says it wants to destroy and that Wall Street, at best, halfheartedly defends?

The solution is simple — reverse these policies, stop trying to destroy a great American industry, and free Americans to produce, refine and supply their neighbors with the fuel they want and need.

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Can Trump be tied to his allies’ roles?

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

What explained the devastating weight of Tuesday’s hearing of the House Jan. 6 committee? The testimony barely mentioned the attack on the U.S. Capitol or other events of that day in 2021.

Instead we heard, in new and terrifying detail, about Donald Trump’s efforts to pressure Republican officials in state after state to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. By expanding the scope of the events covered, the panel heard from witnesses who recounted just how massive and systematic the efforts by Trump and his allies really were — and how violence and threats of violence played a central role in it.

Arguments about whether the attack on the Capitol was an “insurrection” or not are beside the point. What matters is the big picture.

We still do not have firm evidence tying Trump specifically to organized violent outbreaks, including the Capitol attack. But we’ve now seen enough that it’s clear Trump either knew his words would put people in danger or he should have known. And the same goes for those around him.

Those of us who have followed this story closely already knew the broad outlines and even many details in the stories of Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers; Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger; Gabriel Sterling of the Georgia secretary of state’s office, and Georgia election worker Shaye Moss.

But Tuesday’s airing of their accounts, one after another, was just brutal.

Bowers endured Saturday protests outside his house, with armed Trump fans calling him (among other things) a pedophile.

Sterling described how he was moved to give his forceful public statement denouncing efforts to overturn the election after seeing a staffer in his office overwhelmed by vicious, personal attacks on social media.

Moss and her mother were so intimidated by the president’s attacks and those of his followers that they basically shut down their lives.

In other words, the committee artfully made the case that the violence of Jan. 6 was only a continuation of violent efforts to bully everyone who stood in the way of the president and his desire to stay in office, regardless of the facts and the law.

We already knew that the fraud accusa-



Arizona official Rusty Bowers, left, and Georgia officials Brad Raffensperger and Gabriel Sterling on Tuesday. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

tions that Trump and his allies made were investigated and found to be false or frivolous, based on obvious fictions or misunderstandings of normal procedures. And still, Trump ramped up pressure on Republican officeholders in states Joe Biden had won.

We knew about the scheme, probably criminal and certainly outside of the law and the Constitution, to submit slates of false electors in states that Trump had lost. And about his call to Raffensperger, in which the then president begged, cajoled and threatened him to “find” the votes needed to reverse the Georgia outcome — this figured prominently in Trump’s second impeachment and Senate trial.

There was some new detail. For example, Rudy Giuliani told Bowers that “we’ve

got lots of theories — we just don’t have any evidence.” I don’t think that was previously reported, and it helped make the committee’s point that the conspirators were well aware that Trump had lost the election.

And we knew that violence and threats of violence had been present throughout the post-election period and were a regular feature of Trump’s rallies from the start of his 2016 run for president.

In contrast to Trump and his allies, Tuesday’s witnesses stood out as patriots. Committee Chair Bennie Thompson in his opening remarks thanked the various elected officials, bureaucrats and election workers who have testified “for their service”: The U.S. is defended, after all, by its democratic institutions — defined by the men and women who do their jobs

faithfully or not — even more than by its military might, and has been since 1776. It was inspiring to watching Bowers, Raffensperger, Sterling and Moss stand up for democracy, despite the costs that they have had to endure — especially when you consider how few Republicans have been willing to rally to their side.

It’s not yet clear how strong the legal case against Trump will be. But I agree with the political scientist Alex Garlick, who said that “the more we learn from the January 6 committee, the more it becomes obvious that the Senate’s inability to convict Trump in February 2021 was a failure of historical proportions.”

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Let’s face it: Inflation ate our free lunch, but we’re still better off

By Allison Schrager
Bloomberg Opinion

Believe it or not, we live in the best of times. It’s been a crazy few decades, with a pandemic, rising inequality, slowing growth and productivity, and major changes in the economy. But generally, most people experienced huge gains in living standards.

We shudder to think what life was like in the 1980s or ’90s, when air-conditioning was still a luxury, as were dishwashers; people had to defrost their freezers, we were tied to landlines, and homes had only one or two televisions — and they weren’t even flatscreens. The smartphone may not be the game changer that indoor plumbing was, but just stop and count all the ways it’s smoothed out the kinks in your daily struggle.

In the same way the first waves of industrialization made consumer goods (clothing, housewares) cheaper and more accessible, the tech boom made services that were once luxuries (car services, delivery, handymen, digital butlers) widely available and contributed to rising prosperity. It’s indisputable that our standards of living are remarkably higher than they used to be.

Here’s the bad news: We’ve basically

been living a free lunch and now it’s about to end. And that means a drop in our living standards, at least for the next few years.

The Atlantic’s Derek Thompson recently wrote that we have been underpaying for many services we now take for granted. That \$10 Uber ride never really made sense when you thought about the cost of fuel and labor. The same is true for food delivery and other app-services that became a way of life for many urban dwellers. Many of the tech firms that supplied these services lost money to keep prices down, gain customers and dominate their markets.

In the tech world, network effects are valuable, but it’s not clear what the long-term business model was for many app-based services. Perhaps they planned to increase prices once they drove off competition. Or maybe they believed that with enough volume, even negative profits would turn positive.

Such concerns were not top of mind in an era of very low interest rates. Investors — often venture capital firms — flush with cheap capital and public-sector pension money, were hungry for risky long shots. If a few of those long shots paid off big, everyone would still make money. So they were willing to tolerate losses if their investments could demonstrate a growing

market share. Except then the pandemic hit and labor wasn’t so cheap anymore. Then interest rates started to increase and tolerance for losing money evaporated. So now what was once a \$10 car ride is \$50.

Low rates didn’t just allow investors to sustain money-losing tech ventures. They also meant companies could bulk up on corporate debt, which subsidized even more cheap services.

Before the pandemic, Netflix earned a junk bond rating because it took on so much debt to offer endless content. Now higher rates have increased the cost in borrowing and subscriptions have declined, so we’ll all have to watch ads (effectively a tax on our time) or pay more every month.

Inflation is the other shoe to drop. Alexis Leondis wrote a rage-inducing column last week on “drip-pricing.” This is when we are charged extra fees for things that used to be included in the price, from picking your airline seat to paying for credit card transactions. Now with higher inflation, firms are trying new, more opaque way to pass on their costs to customers. But even if inflation goes back down, many of these fees will probably remain. And if you’re suddenly paying “fuel surcharges” and “kitchen appreciation fees,” you probably won’t be indulging

quite as often.

This means that, in addition to the inflation we’re already experiencing, we’re going to start paying for things that were previously subsidized by low rates and low price growth. Odds are, prices for these services will never be so cheap again. Rates and prices are going up and may stay higher for the foreseeable future. So unless you have unlimited money, things like car services will become a luxury again. This is an unambiguous fall in living standards: Instead of getting more, we’ll get less, and it will be painful.

Take heart. It may not last forever. I don’t know what will happen to interest rates or if future consumption might be subsidized. But I am optimistic that new, even-better technology and rising prosperity are in our long-term future.

It may feel like a small consolation now, but all this new technology did make us better off. Even without the subsidy of low interest rates, we still have more choices and cheaper services than we did 20 or 30 years ago. Perhaps people hate loss so much that it’s worse to lose a subsidized Uber than to have never Ubered at all. But I don’t think so.

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6/24/22 7238577

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The Tax Collector's office is located in the
Coventry Town Hall, 1712 Main St., Coventry,
CT 06238. Office hours are as follows: M-W
8:30am-4:30pm; Th 8:30am-6:30pm;
F 8:30am-1:30pm. Closed July 4, 2022.

Taxpayers are encouraged to use our online
bill pay at www.coventryct.org. Payments can
also be made by US Mail or via the drop box
located in the rear entrance of Town Hall.

Payments must be received or US Post Office
postmarked by August 1, 2022 to avoid
interest. Interest at the rate of 1.5% per
month from July will be charged for all bills
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Town of Coventry
6/24/2022 7238965

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Public Schools, 76 Simonds Ave., Canton, CT
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6/24/22 7238367

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Request for Proposals for Legal
Representation of the Connecticut
Department of Housing related to its
administration of state and federal financial
assistance, grant, loan, and various hous-
ing, community development and other
programs with the statutory authority of the
Department of Housing.

RFP# 2022-04

The State of Connecticut, Office of Attorney
General William Tong ("OAG"), pursuant
to Conn. Gen. Stat. §3-125, is seeking
proposals to provide certain legal services
involving representation of the Connecticut
Department of Housing. The complete
detailed Request for Proposals is available
at https://portal.ct.gov/AG/RFPs.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Attorney General of Connecticut, pursu-
ant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 3-125, invites
proposals from appropriately qualified firms
to serve as outside counsel and provide legal
services to the DOH related to state and
federal financial assistance, grant, loan, and
various housing, community development and
other programs and projects with the statu-
tory authority of DOH (the "Programs"). The
scope of the legal services (the "Services")
to be provided include, without limitation,
the following: (1) Drafting legal documentation
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by the DOH; preparing and distributing clos-
ing documentation, including any documenta-
tion to secure the grantor's interest, and
coordinating and conducting the grant, loan
or loan guarantee closing; (2) Collecting and
developing workouts related to Programs and
on loans and/or grants where the recipient
of funding is in default; (3) Drafting and/or
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and tax-related financing transactions
including tax credit programs; preparing and
distributing closing documentation; coordi-
nating and conducting project agreement
closing; and reviewing project performance
to determine tax credit eligibility; (4) Drafting
and/or reviewing legal documentation for
Programs and major development projects
that involve real estate, public funding,
environmental, and/or development contract
issues; (5) Using, developing, or assisting in
developing form documents and procedures
to maximize efficiency and cost effective-
ness of the Services, and Programs; (6)
Performing all necessary and reasonably
related assignments and tasks as directed
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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS
Proposals, in accordance with the terms of
the RFP, must be received by the OAG by 4:30
p.m., Eastern Time, on July 22, 2022.
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6/24/2022 7239178

ADDENDUM NO. 2
TO BIDDING AND CONTRACT TOWN OF
PLYMOUTH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY INVITATION TO BID FOR SLUDGE
HAULING AND DISPOSAL 2022

NOTE: This addendum shall take precedence
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bidding and contract documents, plans, pro-
posal, and notice to contractors There has
been changes made to the following sections
of the Town of Plymouth WPCA Sludge Bid
Documents. For more information on these
changes please contact the Plymouth WPCA

1.Section 18. INDEMNIFICATION
2.Section 25. BOND REQUIREMENTS
3.Section 26. SAFETY

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

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Judge: Hon. Thamar Esperance-Smith
Signed: Tara Artis - Clerk
Date Signed: 6/22/22

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Public Notice

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The public is requested to provide comments on the following allocations:

Russell Library	Career Program	1,675
St Vincent DePaul	Amazing Grace Food	15,000
City of Middletown	Warming Center	17,000
Gilead Community Svcs	Magnolia Home HVAC	10,500
City of Mdt. Fire Dept.	Active Violence Equipment	34,413
Middlesex Community College	Magic School Bus	7,825
Oddfellows	Scholarships-Youth Arts Programs	6,000
Oddfellows	Projector Installation-Morgan Theater	37,915
City of Middletown	Farmers' Market	10,000
Futures, Inc.	Energy Efficiency	21,276
Northern Middlesex YMCA	HVAC in Men's Residence -Year 2 Funding	113,520
Northern Middlesex YMCA	Fire Protection Equipment Replacement	23,000
Middletown Housing Authority	Maplewood Terrace Paving	100,000
Women & Family Services	Sexual Assault Crisis Program	10,000
City of Middletown	Program Administration	90,000
Total		\$498,124

A copy of the plan can be found online at <http://www.middletownct.gov/306/Community-Development>
or in the Department of Economic & Community Development, Municipal Building, Room 202,
245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457.

In accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), written comments will be accepted if received by
4:30 p.m. on July 25, 2022. Comments can be emailed to Lynda.MacPherson@MiddletownCT.Gov or
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Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457. Public comments will be integrated into
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Other Towns in CT Dorothy V. Kroha	
Patricia Pinney	
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Denotes name listing only.
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Kroha, Dorothy Veronica (Loya)



Dorothy Veronica (Loya) Kroha, 89 of Danbury, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at Filosa Nursing Home in Danbury. She was the wife of the Late David G. Kroha. Survivors also include her children: David (Judy) Kroha; Cynthia (Joseph) McArthur; Ron (Kevin Rose) Kroha; and Michael (Renae Horn) Kroha. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, CT. Burial will follow in St. Peter Cemetery, Danbury. Friends may call from 3:00pm-8:00pm on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Green Funeral Home, 57 Main St., Danbury. For a complete obituary and to express your condolences on line, go to www.thegreenfuneralhome.com

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Lowengard, Elaine Title



Elaine Title Lowengard, 93, passed away on June 21, 2022 at Anthology Senior Living, a long-term care community in Farmington, CT. Born in Hartford, CT on April 5, 1929 to Melvin W. and Fanchon Hartman Title, she resided in West Hartford for most of her life. Known to family and friends as “ET,” she was a scholar, teacher, politician, businesswoman and non-profit leader.

Elaine spent her early childhood at the family home on Prospect Avenue with her brother Samuel, parents and Hartman grandparents. The house had been built by her grandfather, and her great-grandfather, tobacco merchant Sam Hartman (d. 1925) had also lived there. Ultimately, seven generations of her family would call this house home.

Elaine attended Beach Park and Alfred Plant Junior High schools in West Harford, and graduated from The Chaffee School (Windsor CT) in 1946. She followed high school with matriculation at, in rapid succession, Vassar College, Connecticut College, and The University of Zurich (where she was among the first group of US foreign exchange students after the Second World War); she graduated from Connecticut College Phi Beta Kappa in 1950. Her next academic step was a graduate program in English at Radcliffe College which she gleefully dropped out of after one semester. In subsequent years, she would return to school to study classics (M.A., Penn), education (UMASS-Amherst), and Hebrew.

While in Zurich she met a lacrosse player from Baltimore on an exchange program at the University of Lausanne, Jerome Harry Lowengard. Their first date was an eight-mile bicycle ride around the Zurich See, presaging a life-time of energetic outdoor adventures skiing, canoeing, camping and hiking. They reconnected on returning to the US, were engaged at Christmas 1950 and married on Friday the thirteenth of April, 1951. They honeymooned in Europe that summer, famously meeting the Italian artist Dario Viterbo and his wife, Ada Vera, who became lifelong friends and mentors. Their encounters with a young Rupert Murdoch on the beach in Yugoslavia also proved to be a source of amusing stories ever after.

The couple first settled in Baltimore while Jerry completed his bachelor’s degree at Johns Hopkins University (she made sure he graduated by typing his thesis), then moved briefly to New York City where he explored a job in advertising and before moving to Philadelphia. In March 1955, wanderlust struck again, and the couple dropped off their two daughters, aged 20 months and five months, with Elaine’s parents in West Hartford and took off on a three-month European tour. A year later, they relocated to West Hartford where over the next eight years, their four sons were born.

Never much interested in housekeeping (though she was an excellent cook), in 1957 ET was hired to teach ancient and medieval history at her alma mater Chaffee. She would continue to teach at Chaffee and then Loomis-Chaffee for the next 20 years, adding politics, Latin and a variety of famously creative elective courses. She also served as Chairman of the Classics Department and the Humanities Program, and was the faculty representative to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

Elaine was hired away from Loomis-Chaffee in 1977, becoming Director of The Westledge School in Simsbury, CT for two years before making a radical career change. Brought in to Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. to be the Director of Corporate Communications, she later became Vice President of CBT’s non-profit lending business—for the Hartford area and then statewide in Connecticut. After retiring from the Bank, Elaine made one last career swerve, taking a position as Executive Director of the Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council in 1989. This was a job her mother had held almost 50 years earlier.

In addition to working full-time and raising her family, ET was deeply involved in a myriad of civic, cultural, religious and political activities. A longtime member of the West Harford Democratic Town Committee, in 1972 she ran for the 19th Assembly District seat of the Connecticut State House of Representatives. The ringing endorsement in the West Hartford News cited her as “the cosmetic and cerebral candidate of choice,” but the district was heavily gerrymandered to the Republicans, and she lost. From 1973 to 1977 she co-chaired with Jerry the West Hartford Bicentennial Committee, and in 1979-80 was a regular panelist on the “Comment” program of WFSB Channel 3. She held multiple trustee positions, including the Connecticut Teacher’s Retirement Board, St. Joseph College, Watkinson Prisoner’s Aid Society and The Institute for Living.

She was also a prolific and persuasive fund raiser and in 1980-84, again with Jerry Lowengard and others, founded the Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association (now the Charter Oak Cultural Center), crisscrossing the country to raise funds to bring new life to the original building of her family’s religious community. In 1992 she listed on her resume no fewer than 10 ongoing projects, including serving as a corporator of St. Francis Hospital and the Hartford Seminary Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors for Advest Bank and Trust Co., and the Center for Theater Techniques in Education and on five committees at Temple Beth Israel. She was also a devoted subscriber to the Hartford Symphony, the Hartford Stage Company, TheaterWorks and Goodspeed Opera House.

In 1980, after a decade of renting homes all over Nantucket Island, she built a summer home on Hummock Pond Road. She and Jerry would entertain family and friends at “The Lion in Summer” for the next 25 years. She never lost her love for travel, and organized and led student study tours to Europe in the summers while she was teaching at Chaffee, taking her children along for the ride to France, Switzerland, Spain and Italy. She brought her two eldest sons with her to Russia and Eastern Europe in 1971, and her younger boys on a hunt for guitar factories through England, France, Spain, and Italy. One granddaughter accompanied her to Egypt and Israel and another one to England and she brought a daughter, three teenaged grandchildren and a cousin to Israel in the mid-2000s. Following the death of her husband in 2002, she returned to Israel alone, explored Africa, and traveled to their beloved Florence to scatter his ashes accompanied by several of her children and their spouses.

She was thoroughly devoted to her husband’s Labradors, Mai, Dai and Toby and her mini-poodles, Charlemagne and Josephine.

Elaine was a two-time survivor of cancer. Diagnosed in 1960 with thyroid cancer she underwent two operations to remove the disease, and defied doctor’s orders to not have any more children by producing two in the years that followed. In 2016, she was diagnosed with late-stage ovarian cancer, and underwent six rounds of chemotherapy and major surgery.

In 1963, Elaine inherited her beloved grandparents’ home and the family returned to 727 Prospect Avenue, embarking on a grand mid-century modern renovation of the 1920’s Georgian-style house. She lived there for the next 45 years, departing reluctantly at the insistence of her children when, at age 89, she was diagnosed with a vascular dementia syndrome. In spite of this, she held onto her keen wit, sharp intellect, graciousness, and uproarious sense of humor until nearly the very last of her days.

Elaine leaves her six children, Mary and Sarah, both of New York City, Henry of Kingston NY, Benjamin (Susan Cohen) of Belmont MA, Alexander of New Britain CT and Jeremiah (Sheila Vickers) of South Portland ME; six grandchildren, Pleasance (Mel Sillicki), Jeremy, Henry (Lesli), Elise (Aaron Sultan), Raymond and Asa and three great-grandchildren. She also was close to her brother’s children, David Title, Diane Harris and Betty Feigenbaum, their spouses and children.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 11:00 AM at the Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery, 119 Affleck Street, Hartford. Please contact Weinstein Mortuary for further information.

ET was a fierce advocate for many causes. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, The Charter Oak Cultural Center or the Elizabeth Park Conservancy.

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Bedard, Irene A.Gagne



Irene A (Gagne) Bedard, 95, beloved wife of deceased Joseph Raymond Bedard, died Monday, June 20, after a brief illness. Irene was born on June 7, 1927 in Lawrence, MA. She was the daughter of Canadian immigrants, Joseph and Elisa Gagne, and the forth of five children. She was predeceased by her three brothers and one sister, and the last of her spouses’s generation (Bedard).

Irene was married to Joseph “Ray” Bedard on September 5, 1948. After living briefly in California and Michigan, they settled in East Hartford in 1951. They were a striking couple in so many ways in their early years. Their love of dancing and gracefulness on the dance floor led spectators to watch in “awe” as they “glided” across the floor. Their rhythm of leading and following, like the natural flow of water and gravity, underpinned their marriage and faith journey. They were long time communicants of Saint Edmund Campion Parish in East Hartford, and prayer warriors for their children and grandchildren. Irene’s rosary was never far from her hands.

Irene is survived by her six children and their spouses: Richard Bedard of Manchester, Thomas Bedard of The Villages, Florida, Elaine and Michael Robinson of Meredith, NH, Joan and Michael Rogers of Simsbury, David and Lisa Bedard of East Hartford, and Gloria and Jim Barry of Coventry. Irene leaves 9 grandchildren: Evan and Jackie Bedard, Neon Robinson, Sarah Rogers, Elliot Rogers and spouse Amy, Stephanie Dumont and spouse Matt, Matthew Wakelee, James Barry, Zack Barry and spouse, Brittney. She leaves two great granddaughters, twins, Grace and Charlotte Dumont. She was the happy expectant great-grandmother of baby girl Rogers and baby boy Barry. She also leaves many, nieces, nephews and cousins of several generations, and so very many beloved friends.

Irene took great joy in her family, neighbors, friends and church community, always striving to be helpful and blessing others with handmade gifts, meals and baked goods. Irene had a passion for crocheting, which she was very skilled at. She was immersed in beautiful crocheting projects until the day she passed. For years Irene crocheted baby hats and blankets which she donated to organizations supporting women facing unplanned pregnancies. She had such a love for babies and young children.

Irene enjoyed the challenge of continually trying “something new” in her kitchen. It pleased her so much to delight the recipient’s palate. She was a true “care” giver. That care came back to her full circle as she lived out her last years at home, the same home where she and Ray raised a family, the same home where Ray passed. We are profoundly grateful to the following: Irene’s in-home care providers who were so much more, Glenda Kearns and Larisa Ollenko; to Irene’s neighbors, Frank and Betsy Forest and Hong Doan and her family, who know the true meaning of being a good neighbor; to her extended family and many friends who so often reached out to her; and to her medical team, Dr. Reme Matthews, Kim Collins, APRN and Mary Jane Bryant, Coumadin Clinic Manager, who followed up with Irene’s medical care at home, always with the best attention to every detail.

May Irene’s and Ray’s prayers continue to cover all of their beloved. May the many memories of being with them in their home continue to inform us all of how it felt to belong. Theirs was charism of hospitality.

Relatives and friends may call on the family, Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 3-5pm at the D’Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, June 27 at 10am in St. Christopher Church, 538 Brewer St., East Hartford (Attendees are asked to go directly to church). Interment will follow the Mass in Silver Lane Cemetery, Silver Lane, East Hartford. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopoech.com.



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Wehren, Julia Jarrosak



Julia (Jarrosak) Wehren, age 97, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2022, at the Hospice of the Fisher Home. Most recently she had been residing at the Arbors of Amherst and prior to that she lived many years in South Windsor, CT. Julia was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Paul H. Wehren, her son, Gary P. Wehren of Lloyd Harbor, NY.,

and her dear seven siblings. She was the loving mother of Joyce W. Hatch and husband Jeffrey of Amherst, MA, Deborah A. Clements and husband George of West Roxbury, MA and daughter-in-law Suzanne Wehren of Lloyd Harbor, NY. She was also proud grandmother to Tevis Gearan (Thomas), Kara Wilson (Robert), John Wehren (Ann), Paige Wehren and great-grandmother to Sam and Elise Gearan and Fritz Wilson. Her strong and caring family ties extended to her many nieces and nephews whom she greatly enjoyed. Born December 27, 1924, and raised in West Rutland, Vt, Julia was the daughter of the late Anna and Gregory Jarrosak. She was a graduate of West Rutland High School and after graduation moved to Hartford, Connecticut where she met her husband Paul. They later moved to South Windsor, CT. where she lived over 60 years and enjoyed many lifelong friends.

While she and Paul raised their children, Julia worked as a research librarian at United Technologies Corp in East Hartford and Windsor Locks, CT., and after retirement, worked at the South Windsor Public Library. She was a long-time communicant of St. Margaret Mary church in South Windsor. Julia was an avid sports fan. Favorite teams included the Patriots and Red Sox, and most importantly the UConn women’s and men’s basketball teams. Julia was also a skilled card player, participating in many bridge leagues and playing Bid-45 with her competitive family members. A high point of her card playing career was at age 94, when she and her partner won 2nd place in a 20 team Bid-45 Tournament in Vermont.

A wake for Julia will be held on June 29th from 4-6 pm at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor, CT. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 30th with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor, CT. Burial will follow at the Wapping Cemetery. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home has been entrusted with her care. For on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Boll, Ida



Ida Boll, 100, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2022 in Glastonbury, CT. She was born in Canada on April 17, 1922, youngest of five and only daughter of William and Mary (Chreptyk) Mihay. A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Applied Sciences, she worked as a Metallurgist for Pratt & Whitney where she met her husband of 64 years, Ken. They were married on February 5, 1949. After raising their children in Manchester, CT, they retired to Weekapaug, RI where they had spent their summers since 1954. She moved to Glastonbury after Ken's death in 2013. Ida had a wide variety of interests. She was an avid skier and loved her winters spent at her home at Mad River Glen in VT, and she played tennis into her late 70's in Weekapaug. She loved to sail on Quonochontaug Pond in her Beetle Cat. Her gifts of homemade Beach Plum Jelly were always welcomed by family and friends. She was an accomplished knitter and weaver, and Ken kept her many antique looms running smoothly. Her small woven greeting cards were treasured by many. And for most of her retirement years she drove around in a blue convertible 4-speed sports car with the top down. She will be missed by her children, Tom and wife Kathy, Pat (Boll) Tajirian and husband Rick, Bill and wife Ginger, Jim and wife Lauren, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and her many friends. A private family life celebration will be held later in the summer. Donations in Ida's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Dicklow, James Daniel



James Daniel Dicklow, 76, of Southington, passed away at home. James was born in Hartford, CT on February 3, 1946 and was the son of the late James William Dicklow and Gladys (Katin) Dicklow. After his graduation from Conard High School, James enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed on the Island of Guam as an avionics Maintainer. After his tour of duty, James began a 35 year career with Southern New England Telephone as a telephone operating room technician. James was a very "techie" person, spending time building and rebuilding computers. He was a ham radio operator known by his handle "K1MQW". He would spend countless hours communicating with fellow ham radio operators around the world. James is survived by his son, James P. Dicklow and his wife, Stephanie Held of Middletown, and by his daughter, Melissa Cornish and her husband Robert of Bristol. James is also survived by his grandson, Myles Cornish of Bristol, a brother in law, Bernard Rooney of Newington and by a nephew, Sean Rooney and his wife Danielle and their daughter Zoe, also of Newington. He was predeceased by his sisters, Donna and Joanne. James will be dearly missed by his feline companion, Oliver, who was always by his side. Oliver was the last of a long line of cats that James took care of over the years. Calling hours for James will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington, CT 06489. Burial will be private. To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

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Price, Lottie (Chasse)



Lottie (Chasse) Price, 97, of Glastonbury, wife of the late Raymond C. Price, Sr., died Saturday June 18, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. Born September 4, 1924 in Lille, Maine, daughter of the late Cyprien and Agnes (Thibodeau) Chasse she had lived in Glastonbury since 1954. Lottie is survived by her three children and their spouses, Raymond C., Jr. and Kathleen Price of Glastonbury, Allen H. and Danny Price of Las Vegas, Kathleen A. Price of Glastonbury, 4 grandchildren Stephanie Price, Mallorie Price, Lisa Price, Amy Anderson and 7 great grandchildren Amaya, Ayden, Keith, Michael, Marissa, Casandra and Connor and her furry grandchild Annie Denver. A special thanks the connections made with Javeir, Megan and Susan (Masonicare). A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday June 27 at 11am in Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Eternal Word Television Network (ewtn.com). For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Szymczyk, Zenaida



Zenaida (Matys) Szymczyk, 95, of Hartford, beloved wife of the late Jozef Szymczyk died peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Zenaida was born in Poland on September 21, 1926, daughter of the late Jozef and Irene (Krysztopowicz) Szymczyk. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1976 and settled in the Hartford area. She worked in several retirement homes throughout her life as a C.N.A. Zenaida had a passion for gardening and took immense pride and joy in her vegetable and flower gardens. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, coloring and most of all spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She touched many lives with her kindness and unending supply of vegetables from her garden, especially her tomatoes. She leaves her son, Leon Szymczyk, and his wife Sophie of South Windsor; her grandchildren, Irene Murphy and her husband Daniel of Rocky Hill, Elizabeth Szymczyk of Enfield, Julian Szymczyk of South Windsor, Mark Doman of Poland, John Szymczyk of Stamford, and Elizabeth Sacharko of Poland; her great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Samantha, Megan, Daniella, Alexander, and Igor. She was predeceased by her daughter, Raisa Doman. Funeral service and burial will be private at the request of her family. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Crowley, Jr, James H.

James H. Crowley, Jr. of West Hartford, Connecticut passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at his home. Born in Macwahoc, Maine on July 18, 1929, he was the son of the late James and Laura (Pratt) Crowley. He moved to Connecticut as a teenager and was the Valedictorian of the East Hartford High School Class of 1946. He received the B.A. Degree in Mathematics from Wesleyan University, the M.A. Degree in Economics from Trinity College, and the M.S. Degree in Professional Accounting from the University of Hartford. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War, serving as an officer in submarines. He continued as an active reservist until the end of the Vietnam War and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He joined Aetna in 1955 as an actuarial trainee and was Vice President of the tax department at the time of his retirement. He was a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and an affiliate of the Connecticut Society of CPAs. He is survived by his daughter, Anne C. James of Springfield, Missouri; a son-in-law, Glenn Pilczak of Wethersfield; three sisters, Madeline McGibbon of Largo, Florida, Patricia Jobes of East Hartford and Mary Crowley of Reading, Vermont; a cousin, Lillian Harpin of Bolton; a close friend, Marilyn Harmon, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a daughter, Lynn Pilczak; a brother, Terrence Crowley and a sister, Nancy Wilde. A graveside service with military honors will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday (June 27th) at St. Mary's Cemetery, 920 Burnside Ave., East Hartford. Everyone is asked to please meet directly at the cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackman Community Health Center, 376 US 201, Jackman, ME 04945 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. To share a memory of James with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Jackson, Albert Terry



Albert Terry Jackson, 85, of Ocala, Florida, and longtime resident of Middletown, Connecticut, passed away on June 14, 2022. Terry was a dedicated and accomplished coach, and a loving husband, father, and son. Terry earned his BA and M.Ed from Springfield College in 1960 and 1961 respectively. He was named All-American fullback in soccer and was part of Springfield's 1957 National Championship squad. In 2005, he was inducted into the Springfield College Athletics Hall of Fame. In 1968, after brief coaching stints at Indiana University and Moravian College, Terry began his 30 plus year career as a coach at Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT). At Wes, he led the men's soccer team for 31 years and the men's lacrosse team for 23 years. On and off the field he had a huge influence on many of his players' lives. In 2009, he was named Regional Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), and later inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame and the Wesleyan Hall of Fame. He served as president and was a recipient of the Honor Award for both the NSCAA and the New England Intercollegiate Soccer League. Terry was also a dedicated husband, father, and son. Terry was a loving husband to his late wife Karen for over 30 years before she passed away. He was an engaged father to their children and spouses, Kimberly and Mark DuMont of Albany NY, Sharon Locke and Jeff Johnson of Washington NH, and Terry and Susan Jackson of Newtown CT. He was also active in the lives of his five grandchildren, Jackson and Alexander, Jahl, Brooke, and Ava. He was also a devoted son to his late mother, Dorothy Jackson, and to his wife Betty Jean Jackson and her children Wendy Blackwell and Bonnie Hunziker. He will be dearly missed by all.

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Pinney, Patricia (Paduch)

The family of Patricia Pinney invites family, friends and neighbors to gather on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the Congregational Church of Somersville at 22 Maple St. in Somers to remember and celebrate Pat's life. We will share songs and stories starting at 11:00AM. Committal will follow at West Cemetery in Somers. Afterward, all are invited to continue the celebration at a lunch at Pat and David's home at 214 Maple St. in Somers. If the family does not already know you are coming, please text "yes" and the number in your party to 860-324-8602. We look forward to seeing you all. Please visit www.Somersfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences.

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Stanley, Theresa A.



Theresa A. Stanley, 96, of Vernon, CT beloved wife of the late Francis J. Stanley, passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022. She was born May 30, 1926 in Dorset, VT, the daughter of the late Thomas and Delia (Bushee) McCormack. She was a Registered Nurse working the Operating Room at Rockville General Hospital CT and Shands Hospital Gainesville FL. She was a Church going Catholic who always blessed a meal, loved everybody and being a Vermonter loved hiking, canoeing and many other outdoor activities especially with her beloved husband and grandchildren. She is predeceased by son David Stanley, daughter Therese Daley, grandson Patrick Stanley, son-in law Michael Jason and twelve of her thirteen brothers and sisters. Theresa is survived by her loving children, Susan Frances Jason of Tolland, Timothy Stanley and his wife, Vivian of Vernon, and Mary Maynes of Vernon. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren Michael Jason, Jr., Christopher Jason, Jennifer Brose, Andrea DeSanto, Lucas Daley, Steven Jason, Matthew Stanley, Angela Daley, and Ryan Brothers; and her twelve great grandchildren, David, Rose, Michael III, Zachary, Alexander and Calvin Jason, Thomas and Diana DeSanto, Brooklyn, Emmett, and Gwyneth Stanley, and Ava Brose. Finally she has one remaining sibling Susan McCormack of LaQuina, CA. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 2 - 4 PM on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St. Rockville, CT 06066. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 27, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace Rockville, CT 06066. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Bernard Church Rockville. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Jacobson, Robert Carl



Robert Carl Jacobson, 83, of Unionville, beloved husband of Janice (Tracy) Jacobson, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 21st, 2022. Born August 27th, 1938 in Hartford, he was the son of the late Gustav and Greta (Ohlen) Jacobson.

In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his son, Richard is survived by his son, Richard and by his daughter Sharon Williams, her husband Joseph of New Hartford and their children Lauren Jacobson, Katie and Janice Williams.

Bob was educated in West Hartford schools and was a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont. He spent many years working at the Aetna in Hartford as an analyst and writer.

Bob was an avid skier and enjoyed fishing and boating with family and friends. He loved vacationing with family, spending time with his grandchildren and especially attending their many sporting and school events.

He will be remembered as a remarkably skilled handyman who could always be found repairing household items, fixing the cars or engaging in various projects both inside and outside of his home.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville, on Monday (June 27) from 5:00-7:00pm. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday (June 28) at 11:00am in The Ahern Funeral Home. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4B, Southington, CT 06489. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Johnson, Evelyn D. (Goff)



Evelyn D. (Goff) Johnson, 89, of East Granby, was called home to be reunited with her son Kenn-David Johnson who preceded her in death on April 16, 1981. She passed peacefully on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital. Evelyn graduated from St. Agnes Nursing School in West Hartford, and following graduation, stayed on to manage the bottle room in the nursery. She then worked for a short time for Dr. Alan Marsh in West Hartford before leaving to start her family. Evelyn returned to work at St. Francis Hospital as a unit secretary, working on many units until she retired after 25 years of service. After retirement, she worked as an office manager for Dr. William Pickering in West Hartford where she met and made many cherished friends throughout her 24-year career and had blessings of working until she was 83. She enjoyed the ocean, gardening, and was a devout Boston Celtics fan.

Evelyn leaves to grieve her daughters, Candace and Kendall Johnson of East Granby and her son Kenton Johnson of Southwick, MA. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Kara Johnson of Windsor, VT, Ashlie Johnson and her fiancé, Jesse Carr of Bristol, Tyler Johnson and his wife Morgan of Bristol, and Cameron Johnson of Southwick, MA. She also leaves two great-grandchildren, who were a great joy to her, Aidan and Charlotte Carr. Relatives and friends may join the family for calling hours on Sunday, June 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield followed by burial in St. Bernard Cemetery, Tariffville. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Levitt, Arline (Kadish)



Arline Levitt, 83, died June 14, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 61 years Harvey, and her children Terri Kramer and her partner Neil Malkin and Bob Levitt and his wife Robin. She also leaves her grandchildren Melanie (Kramer) and her husband Colin Willis, Rebecca Kramer, Ryan Levitt and Morgan Levitt. Born in Hartford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Sidney and Betty Zucker Kadish. She was predeceased by her older sisters Marion Greenberg and Ruth Kadish.

Graduating from Weaver High School in 1957, Harvey and Arline were King and Queen of her Senior Prom. She worked for over 25 years in the insurance industry for Aetna and Fireman's Fund. After retirement, she and Harvey moved to The Villages in Florida in 2005 enjoying their life there immensely taking advantage of all that the amazing community had to offer. She was a proud member of Temple Shalom Sisterhood and became a Bat Mitzvah at the age of 73. She loved to play Mahjong every week with a very close and wonderful group. They enjoyed traveling especially going on cruises with their many friends from The Villages.

She was fiercely loved by her children, grandchildren and extended family who would argue that she was the most beloved woman on the planet. Some of her fondest memories were made at the Connecticut shore with her grandchildren where she would make the best dolly bars and potato salad that could be found anywhere. She had a special place in her heart for her neighborhood friends on Patrick Place. People were drawn to her because of her boundless and truly genuine kindness creating an extraordinarily large circle of friends. To meet Arline was to become her friend and she could always be counted upon for anything.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Steve and Cindy Greenberg for their invaluable and loving care and assistance. In lieu of flowers, donations should be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

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Anderson, Patricia



Patricia Anne (Okeson) Anderson's earthly life came to an end on June 19th, 2022. A Manchester resident since 1959, Pat spent the last nine years at Crestfield Rehabilitation Center & Fenwood Manor, after suffering a debilitating stroke. A kindness, generosity, humor, and deep faith defined her days and brought joy to her family and friends her whole life.

Pat was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 25th, 1929 to Edward and Mary (Haskell) Okeson. She was homecoming queen of Patrick Henry High School, where she met her future husband James Anderson, before graduating in 1947. She and Jim married in 1951, starting their family before moving to Connecticut. They attended Trinity Covenant Church in Manchester, where Pat would often sing the alto part on her favorite hymns, including "Great is thy Faithfulness," "It is Well with my Soul," and "Trust and Obey." She was a Sunday school teacher, Stephen minister, volunteered in Alpha ministry, and worked on Trinity's Missionary Committee, often hosting missionaries in their home. For over thirty years, Pat also led a weekly women's prayer breakfast.

Pat worked as an executive secretary for the American Lung Association in East Hartford. She volunteered much of her time tutoring elementary school children and with various organizations including F.I.S.H., Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford, and Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Her husband Jim passed away in 1981, and Pat later moved to Northfield Green in Manchester, where she made many new friends and hosted wonderful holiday dinners. Always a caring big sister to her brothers Lawrence Okeson and Curtis Okeson (predeceased) and their families, Pat remained a steady source of kindness and joy, no matter how many miles separated them.

Most of all, Pat shared her limitless love and deep faith with her children, Jay Anderson (Carol), Greg Anderson, Sharon Nelson (Luke) and grandchildren, Michael Anderson (Sarah), West Mossgrove, and Grace Nelson. Blessed assurance, we have all been touched by that love and we will miss her dearly.

Pat's family would like to thank all the staff at Crestfield/Fenwood for their dedicated care through the years. The family will receive friends and relatives Tuesday, July 5th, 4:00-7:00pm, at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will follow Wednesday, July 6th, 11:00am, East Cemetery, 220 East Center St., Manchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International at gideons.org or sent to Gideons International, P.O. Box 415, Manchester, CT 06045-0415. To leave a memory or condolence, please visit holmeswatkins.com.

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Brundage, Joan (Silverherz)

Joan Silverherz Brundage died on Monday, June 20, at a hospice center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, after a long battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was 89. Born in Ellington, Connecticut, the daughter of a shade tobacco farmer, she attended a one room schoolhouse before graduating from Rockville High School. Joan was a Government Major at Connecticut College, where she met Lyle, her husband of nearly 70 years, at a Yale mixer. They were married in 1953 and moved to Austin, Texas, where Lyle was in the Air Force, and Joan worked for the Texas State Legislature. She spent her married life in Maplewood, New Jersey, where she was an avid tennis player and a member of Orange Lawn Tennis Club. She enjoyed summers on the Connecticut shoreline, often braving the coldest waters of the Sound to get her swim in before a community pool was built. A loyal supporter of the arts, she made frequent trips into Manhattan to attend ballet, theater, and exhibits at countless museums. Her devotion to politics and current affairs prompted daily reading of the New York Times and she was a passionate supporter of civil rights, reproductive freedom, and equality for all. Her sparkling insight and generosity was evident in her wholehearted encouragement of all people to pursue their dreams. She is survived by her husband, Lyle, her sister Dorothy Silverherz Rosenberg, her son Richard, daughter Elizabeth and her husband Scott, her grandchildren, Hannah, Sophie and Sam, and great grandchild, Odin Abraham. Contributions in her memory can be made to Planned Parenthood.

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Happy 39th birthday. We will celebrate the day, as we have for your last two, with laughs, memories, sadness and tears. It never gets easier but we carry on knowing you are not far and that you remain in our hearts. As we are sure you already know, we were blessed on 2/22/22 to welcome Patrick Timothy Bannon to the family so we add one more to the list who will carry your memory with them forever. We still lack the words to describe how much we love and miss you. Always, Mom, Dad, Matt, Bridget, Olivia and Patrick Timothy.

In Loving Memory Of
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I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, now all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Always and Forever, "Your Girls"

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Tax auction finds bidders for 9 sites

For some, purchasing of delinquent properties a chance to see Hartford ‘get better and better’

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Potential profit and a sense of civic pride are what led Hartford resident and contractor Andre Davis to attend the city of Hartford’s tax deed sale of 10 properties Thursday at Dunkin’ Donuts Park.

“I’m interested in these properties that need a lot of attention and try to get these things on the tax rolls so we can better Hartford

in regards to having more equity in the city,” Davis, who owns and operates A & D Development, said before the auction.

His goal was to acquire a dilapidated property, bring it up to code and hang on to it as an investment. “I usually fix them and resell,” he said, adding that he’s rehabilitated about 30 properties in the city over the past 10 years. “Maybe I’m going to hang on to this one. I’m a resident of Hartford. I like to see the houses in Hartford get better and

better.”

Davis, who set a budget of about \$30,000 to \$40,000 prior to the auction, was among 40 potential bidders who attended the event, during which nine of the 10 properties were sold. The original bid started at what was owed the city in taxes, and then escalated depending on the interest in the property from bidders.

All winning bidders had to put down a \$5,000 down payment on-site, with the balance of the winning bid due to attorney Adam Cohen, of Pullman & Comely, who ran the auction, by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

It was the first tax deed sale

in the city since October 2020, according to Hartford Tax Collector Nancy S. Raich. About 60 properties were originally listed for sale months ago, Raich said, but some 50 property owners either paid the taxes that were owed to the city or several filed for bankruptcy protection.

Raich said the city recouped about \$1.44 million in taxes as owners paid their delinquent taxes since the effort began in October 2021, with another \$545,000 coming to the city if the sales from Thursday are finalized.

The city cannot profit from the tax deed sale. Funds from a

successful bid that were over what was owed to the city will be placed in an escrow account at Superior Court, Cohen said. A lienholder on the property can then apply to the court to be paid from the overage.

If no lien holders apply for the overage, the funds can be paid out to the original owner, provided they apply for it, according to Cohen.

If no one applies for the overages, the funds go to the state, Cohen said.

The list of properties that sold, the amount that the city recouped

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A place for kids after school

Renovated Blue Hills Rec Center plans to invest in city’s youth

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In the spring of 2011, the Blue Hills Neighborhood Revitalization Zone group held a meeting at the Blue Hills Recreation Center in Hartford.

The next day, the rec center’s roof caved in, closing the building and rendering it unusable, except for the outdoor basketball court, Donna Thompson-Daniel, president of the group, said Thursday.

Hartford and Connecticut officials along with neighborhood leaders announced Thursday that the 4,500-square-foot building located at 9 Lebanon Street is being renovated for \$1.6 million, with about \$1.2 million coming from the city’s capital improvement plan general fund and \$400,000 from an allocation of the Community Development Block Grant.

Construction is expected to begin later this summer and be completed sometime in December.

“I’ve been fighting for it all these years,” Thompson-Daniel said, noting that numerous projects in the Blue Hills neighborhood such as playground improvements and the Weaver High School renovation were completed. “This is the last thing. We have no library in this neighborhood, and we did not have a place for kids to be after school. ... This will be a great opportunity for our young people to [go to] and be a meeting space in the community.”

About a year and a half ago, the city proposed tearing down the building and creating an outdoor venue for young families and children, I. Charles Mathews, director of Hartford’s Department of Development Services, said. Those plans included picnic tables, a basketball court and a wading pool. But Neighbors, notably Thompson-Daniel, vehemently objected to the plan, Mathews said, so the city went back to the drawing board.

“It’s what the community wants,” Thompson-Daniel said. “The community wants a building where they can go and congregate. They want a building they can bring a mobile library to.”

At Thursday’s press conference, officials took turns lauding the project moving forward, noting that children will benefit most from it.

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New art exhibition at University of Hartford has elements to ‘sit in, smell, listen to, get inside of’



‘ONLY WAY IS THROUGH’

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

An exhibition at University of Hartford’s Joseloff Gallery this week isn’t about flat images of art on a wall.

In this case, visitors can sit in the exhibition, smell it, hear it and even read in it.

The exhibition is called, “Ephemeral Streams: The Only Way is Through.”

The University of Hartford’s annual master of interdisciplinary fine arts thesis exhibition takes place through Saturday at the Hartford Art school’s Joseloff Gallery.

The work by eight MFA students “highlights the impetuses kindled by two years of

social disruption by COVID,” according to the university. Each artist created a collection of their creative thoughts during the crisis, which changed the way they communicated since classes and interactions were online.

The styles, forms and materials — including a mother’s cremations — make the exhibition unique, according to the university.

There will be a closing reception Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., although the exhibition will continue through Saturday.

Acting MFA director Mary Mattingly said the students focused their work on “place-based” creative expression, focusing their work on elements of their natives locale with

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Artist Julie Chen created artworks in the exhibit “Ephemeral Streams: The Only Way is Through” at Joseloff Gallery at University of Hartford in West Hartford. Pictured above is “Eidolon of A-Ngoh,” which is both an installation and costume for performance, depicting Chen’s mother with a body made of her clothing and masks of different phases of her life made with her cremains. JULIE CHEN/COURTESY

3 more officers placed on leave

Man injured, possibly paralyzed, while in custody in New Haven

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

The New Haven Police Department placed three additional officers on paid administrative leave following an incident that left a New Haven man with possible paralysis while in police custody, officials said Thursday.

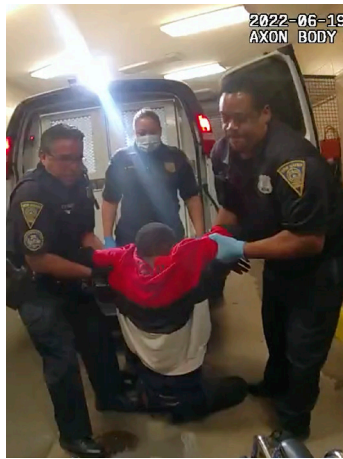
Officers Ronald Pressley, Jocelyn Lavandier and Luis Rivera were put on paid leave, according to New Haven Acting Chief Regina Rush-Kittle. All three were present at the detention facility and involved in the processing of Richard Cox, 36, who was injured while in police custody this week.

The incident is under investigation by state police. Five police personnel have been put on paid leave while the investigations are ongoing. Officer Oscar Diaz and Sgt. Betsy Segui were placed on leave Tuesday following the incident.

“The handling of Mr. Cox was unacceptable; it does not reflect the high standards we hold ourselves to at the New Haven Police Department,” Rush-Kittle said in a statement. “The department remains committed to doing everything in our power to make sure an incident of this nature never happens again.”

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker said he supports Rush-Kittle’s decision to place the three officers on leave. He said the conduct of the officers in

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In this frame taken from police body camera video, Richard Cox, center, is placed in a wheelchair after being pulled from the back of a police van after being detained by New Haven police on Sunday.

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NORWICH

Man charged in car theft after cop chase

NORWICH — A Massachusetts man is facing multiple charges, accused of stealing a car from a Norwich home, attempting to carjack another, evading local and state police and fighting a trooper, officials said Thursday.

Police said Yheresis Millan, 28, of Lowell, Massachusetts, led officers on a chase after a woman called in a report that her vehicle was stolen from her Central Avenue home. The victim reportedly watched her car leave the street while on the phone with police.

Norwich police officers saw the vehicle on East Main Street and attempted to stop it, but the suspect did not stop, they said. Officers said they did not try to pursue the stolen vehicle, and it was seen traveling toward Stonington Road near Preston. According to Connecticut State Police, an off-duty state trooper located the car on I-395 South near Exit 11.

The trooper tried to get the car to stop, but it ran a red light. The trooper followed and was able to get in front to slow the fleeing vehicle, which rear-ended the police cruiser and tried to go off an exit ramp, state police said.

The trooper followed, intentionally hitting the back of the stolen vehicle to keep it from getting away, state police said. The suspect lost control of the vehicle and drove into the separator between an exit ramp and the highway, colliding with another vehicle and disabling the stolen vehicle.

“The suspect ran from the vehicle, at which point the trooper deployed his K9 partner, Jack, to apprehend the fleeing felon,” state police said. “The suspect then ran up to another occupied vehicle and opened the passenger door and attempted to carjack the operator.”

Millan was removed from the occupied vehicle and engaged in a “lengthy, aggressive struggle” with the trooper. He was taken into custody shortly after. He refused to give his name and was taken to Backus Hospital for injuries.

Police ran a fingerprint check and identified the suspect as Millan. According to Norwich police, a search of his name in the state and national police informational database revealed he was wanted by the U.S. Marshal Service on a fully extraditable warrant for Violation of Federal Probation.

Millan was charged with third-degree larceny, disobeying the signal of an officer, two counts of reckless driving, failure to drive right, robbery involving an occupied motor vehicle, second-degree breach of peace, interfering with an officer, third-degree criminal mischief, unauthorized possession of a controlled substance and assault on a public safety officer, Norwich police said.

— Mike Mavredakis

BRISTOL

‘Street takeover’ under investigation

Police are investigating a recent “street takeover” where several cars blocked an intersection as other cars performed dangerous stunts.

According to Bristol police, officers responded on June 17 for a report of “several hundred” vehicles blocking the road between Farmington and Stafford avenues. There was a crowd of bystanders surrounding the streets and sidewalks, police said.

The bystanders watched drivers spinning their tires, performing donuts and drifting in the roads, according to police. Bristol police said this new fad around the country is called a “street takeover,” where illegal street racers block off intersections or portions of the roadway.

“These individuals then perform illegal stunts with their motor vehicles that not only endanger themselves but also endanger the crowd of spectators who watch and record video,” police said.

Bristol police said they are actively investigating the incident and have identified multiple vehicles from video surveillance of the surrounding businesses.

Anyone with information about the incident was asked to contact Officer Finkle at 860-584-3011 or monicafinkle@bristolct.gov. Callers can remain anonymous.

— Mike Mavredakis

Offshore wind boosted in partnership

Biden teams up with Lamont, other East Coast governors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is launching a formal partnership with 11 East Coast governors to boost the growing offshore wind industry, a key element of President Joe Biden’s plan for dealing with climate change.

At a White House meeting on Thursday, Biden administration officials met with governors and labor leaders to announce commitments to expand important parts of the offshore industry, including manufacturing facilities, ports and workforce training and development.

The partnership comprises governors of both parties from Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

In working with states and the private sector, the White House said it will “provide Americans with cleaner and cheaper energy, create good-paying jobs and invest billions in new American energy supply chains,” including construction of wind turbines, shipbuilding and servicing.

Biden has set a goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2030, enough to provide



Deepwater Wind’s turbines stand in the water off Block Island, Rhode Island, in 2019. The White House is launching a formal partnership with East Coast governors to boost the growing offshore wind industry. RODRIQUE NGOWI/AP

electricity to 10 million homes, support 77,000 jobs and spur \$12 billion per year in private investment in offshore wind. Offshore wind is a key component in the Democratic president’s plan to make the nation’s electric grid carbon free by 2035.

The Biden administration has approved two large-scale wind projects, Vineyard Wind in Massachusetts and South Fork Wind off New York and Rhode Island. Both are under construction with union labor. The Interior Department has begun reviews of another 10 offshore projects that, if approved, would produce 22 gigawatts of clean energy.

Danish wind developer Orsted

signed a project labor agreement last month with a national union representing 3 million people in the building trades to construct the company’s U.S. offshore wind farms with an American union workforce. Orsted currently has six offshore projects in five states.

A national agreement signed with North America’s Building Trades Unions covers contractors working on those projects and future ones, with no termination date on the project labor agreement. It sets the terms and conditions for union workers to build offshore wind farms, with targets to ensure a diverse workforce. It contains provisions for training to ensure they can construct the complex

infrastructure, which costs billions of dollars.

“We recognize that states are huge players here,” said David Hayes, a White House climate adviser. With a formal partnership, the Biden administration can “work with the governors on policies going forward and help ensure that there is an American-made supply chain for this brand-new industry,” Hayes said in an interview Wednesday.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said in a statement that he and other East Coast governors “are united with our regional and federal partners not just by geography but by a shared commitment to clean and affordable energy, economic opportunity and a future in which all community members are shielded from the worsening impacts of climate change.”

New Jersey’s status as “a critical supply chain hub uniquely positions us to cultivate the burgeoning domestic clean energy industry as we strive to achieve our (greenhouse gas) reduction goals,” the Democratic governor said.

The federal-state collaboration comes as the Biden administration has announced a plan to conduct up to seven offshore wind auctions by 2025, including one held last month off North Carolina and earlier this year in a coastal area known as the New York Bight. Other sales are expected in the Gulf of Maine, the central Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, as well as offshore in California and Oregon.

Annual West Hartford Pride celebration set for Saturday

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The West Hartford Pride celebration will return to Blue Back Square on Saturday to celebrate the LGBTQ community.

The free, public event will start with a rally on the steps of the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium

at 11:30 a.m. with speeches from LGBTQ youth, state delegates and federal lawmakers, before moving to Isham Street in Blue Back Square for the main festival from noon to 6 p.m.

“This rally spotlights what we are doing here in West Hartford and in Connecticut to protect and embrace the LGBTQIA+ community in face of ever-restrictive legislation being passed across the country,” the West

Hartford Pride Planning Committee said in a release for the event.

The family-friendly festival, sponsored by the town of West Hartford, Blue Back Square and BeMindfulWeb.com, celebrates LGBTQ Pride through “arts, culture, music and performance,” and highlights West Hartford businesses and venues.

“West Hartford Pride welcomes people from across the spectrum of age, gender identity, race, sexuality, ability and class. This promises to be an event where everyone can see a piece of themselves celebrated,” the West Hartford Pride Planning Committee wrote.



Felipe Malero bids on a property at Dunkin’ Donuts Park in Hartford on Thursday. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

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and the winning bids are as follows:
■ 72 Coolidge St., \$35,134.21, \$80,000.
■ 135 Cheshire St., \$20,382.50, \$65,000.
■ 30 Atwood St., \$69,057.51, \$176,000.
■ 173 Affleck St., \$131,697.71, \$180,000.
■ 328 Park Terrace, \$39,450.98, \$76,000.
■ 190 Edgewood St., \$18,171.07, \$20,000.
■ 41 Mahl Ave., \$53,490.50, sold with 45 Mahl Ave., \$175,000.
■ 45 Mahl Ave., \$103,473.70, sold with 41 Mahl Ave., \$175,000.
■ 83 Mansfield St., \$70,847.71, \$85,000.

All properties were sold as is, which generated some confusion among bidders.

The sole property that did not draw any bids, 638 Garden St., no longer had a structure on it, something that was unknown to bidders until it was announced by several people at the auction. The owner of that property owes nearly \$100,000 in delinquent taxes. Instead of being sold, the city will acquire title to that property, Cohen said.

Other properties, such as Coolidge Street and Atwood Street, sparked bidding wars, with bids going up mostly in increments of \$5,000.

The Mahl Avenue properties were sold together and likely wouldn’t have generated any bids because the city also has a

\$466,000 mortgage on the properties.

A city official said during the auction that the city was willing to extinguish the mortgage for \$100,000. A winning bid in the amount of \$175,000 came forward.

Even though the winning bidders have to pony up the full amount of their bids by Tuesday, the current owners of the property still have six months from the date of the auction to pay their delinquent taxes and keep their property, Cohen said.

“It’s one final chance to correct,” Cohen said.

Davis bid on several properties, but walked away from the auction empty-handed and a bit disappointed.

“I didn’t want to pay too much,” he said as he exited the park.

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this case “fell far short” of the proper way to treat a detainee.

“The way in which Mr. Cox was treated, transported and handled by the officers involved in this incident at the police detention center was completely unacceptable,” Elicker said. “Anyone that comes into custody of the New Haven Police Department should be treated with dignity and respect and cared for in a manner that ensures their safety and well-being.”

Cox was seriously injured and possibly paralyzed after Diaz had to make an “evasive maneuver” to prevent a car crash while transporting him to a detention facility on Sunday.

Diaz was forced to make a hard stop to avoid a crash, injuring Cox in the process. In the minutes following the incident, Diaz checked on Cox, who told Diaz he could not move. Diaz called for medical assistance but then drove Cox the rest of the way to the detention facility. The department’s protocol says that the officer should pull over and wait there for medical assistance, rather than bring the injured party to their destination, according to Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson at a press conference Tuesday.

Then once they arrived at the facility minutes later, Diaz described the incident to Segui. Detention facility officers removed Cox from the van and held him up since he could not move. They put him in a wheelchair and processed him, according to Jacobson. Then Cox slid out of the wheelchair and told officers that he thought he broke his neck. Officers picked him up and carried him by his arms to a holding cell, where emergency services arrived and provided aid shortly after.

He was then taken to Yale New Haven for surgery, Rush-Kittle said Tuesday. As of last update on Tuesday, Cox could still be permanently paralyzed by the incident, she said.

The van that Cox was transported in did not have seatbelts. It was one of two vans outfitted with loops so that an arrested party could hold onto them while handcuffed. Both of these vans were taken out of circulation while the department rethinks its protocols for transporting passengers, Jacobson said Tuesday.

Cox was arrested on gun charges after being identified in an investigation into a weapons complaint on Lilac Street in New Haven. Police said he was in possession of a Ruger P98 and was “uncooperative” while being arrested.

Cox had previously been convicted of third-degree assault and resisting arrest, according to court records. A previous conviction renders anyone ineligible to own a handgun in the state, according to state statutes.

Cox was charged with criminal possession of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit, first- and second-degree threatening and second-degree breach of peace.

Youth

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“This is something folks in the community have been advocating for a long, long time,” Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said. “We know right now we need to do everything we can to help our kids recover and reconnect and heal and just have fun after everything they’ve been through. And part of that is investing in programs and investing in youth sports. ... But it’s also about creating those spaces and in this case bringing back those spaces that are a vital part of providing that opportunity to just have fun.”

State Sen. Douglas McCrory (D-Hartford) noted the increase in youth violence in the city over the past four years. He also noted the limited options kids had to go to

in the North End. The rec center’s renovation will provide a place for kids to go.

State Rep. Joshua Hall (D-Hartford) said the project reflects a “promise fulfilled” when he campaigned for his seat in the legislature.

“We wanted to ensure that we made sure this center reopened,” Hall said. “This coming back is a huge thing for our community. ... Today is a good day because it’s a promise fulfilled not just to ourselves, not just to our community, but especially to our children.”

“This rec center is a beacon for this community,” Hartford City Councilman Nick Lebron said. “When the library shut down in Blue Hills, this community really didn’t have any place to gather.”

When Lebron drove by the center, he’d see kids playing basketball out front. To him, that meant

the rec center was still a valuable presence in the community.

“Youth speak with their presence and with their feet,” he said. “Even though this place was closed down, they were still utilizing the basketball courts.”

Hartford City Council Majority Leader T.J. Clarke, who lives in the Blue Hills neighborhood with his family, said the rec center has been an important piece of the area for many years.

“I’m just happy we have reached the point where we are going to revitalize the structure,” he said, thanking the various officials who assisted in getting the project approved and funded. “It takes a village, and we have a village that stands behind us and stands behind you.”

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Program aims to help first-time homebuyers

Amid rising rental costs, state and Webster Bank unite for ‘Time to Own’

By Jessica Bravo
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont this week announced a state partnership with Webster Bank that will provide down payment and closing costs assistance to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers who apply to Connecticut Housing Finance Authority’s First-Time Homebuyer program.

The “Time to Own” program, which launched Monday, is being administered by CHFA on behalf of the Connecticut Department of

Housing and is funded with \$20 million that was allocated for home-buyer assistance by the State Bond Commission in December.

“I just want to say, on a personal note, ownership is really important,” Lamont said. “I want them [the community] to be owners, so that they know that the community’s invested in them and they’re invested in the community.”

Seila Mosquera-Bruno, commissioner of the Department of Housing, said rental costs in Hartford have been rising rapidly during the first quarter of 2022. On average, rental costs are 8% higher than 2021. Yet houses are being sold around asking price.

Nandini Natarajan, CEO and executive director of the CHFA,

said the time to buy a home for those who qualify is now.

“Some studies suggest it takes an average renter nine years to save up enough money to afford 20% down,” Natarajan said.

Natarajan said that the program will provide some type of assistance to qualified homebuyers no matter where in the state they are looking.

“This is to ensure that no matter where people choose to put down roots in Connecticut, they have access to opportunities that will help them and their families thrive,” Natarajan said.

According to CHFA, “Time to Own” will cover up to a 20% down payment and up to 5% closing costs. Ten percent of the principal balance will be forgiven annually, on the

anniversary date of the loan closing, until the loan is fully forgiven on the tenth anniversary.

John Ciulla, CEO and president of Webster Bank, said “Time to Own” is a great fit for Webster’s \$6.5 billion Community Investment Program.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said the program will create wealth within families of Connecticut.

“One of the biggest ways that we can help families build wealth over time [and] escape the trap of inter-generational poverty is through home ownership,” Bronin said.

Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, said the program will bring back the American dream of home ownership. Bob Stefanowski, Republican candidate for governor, said while owning a home is import-

ant, Democrats have made it hard to afford basic necessities.

“With Biden-Lamont inflation, it’s costing the average family an extra \$656 per month just to get by,” Stefanoski said. “We don’t need any more election-year gimmicks and giveaways. We need real fiscal reform that makes Connecticut more affordable.”

As of the press conference, Natarajan said that 14 applications have been filed for the program. Mosquera-Bruno said she believes that 500 to 1,000 people will benefit from “Time to Own.”

Jessica Bravo is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (ctmirror.org/). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.

Rail ridership on the upswing in Connecticut

Metro-North’s New Haven Line reaches highest single-day passenger count since pandemic began

By Tom Condon
CT Mirror

Few markers of the COVID-19 pandemic were as dramatic as the drop in railroad ridership.

On Metro-North Railroad’s New Haven Line, normally one of the busiest in the country, the number of people taking the train in mid-2020 dropped by more than 90%.

So in what could be an indicator that the state is reaching an accommodation with the still-active virus, the New Haven Line reached its highest single-day passenger count, 81,308, on June 14, since the pandemic began more than two years ago. It was nearly matched the next day, when 80,404 riders took the train.

While still well short of the pre-pandemic weekday average of about 125,000, the numbers are trending in the right direction.

“Are we coming back? The answer is yes,” state Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph J. Giulietti said in an interview last week.

He did caution that the June 2022 numbers are a bit misleading, because June 14 and 15 were a Tuesday and a Wednesday. In the new world of hybrid work schedules, the big commuting days are midweek.

Giulietti said his department first noticed the uptick in ridership on weekend trains, which he thinks



Giulietti

were carrying folks who were tired of staying home and missed the bright lights of Broadway, among other New York attractions.

Then, he said, many companies that initially had their employees working remotely began asking the workers to come in two or three days a week. Those days, he said, tended to be midweek, hence the Wednesday bump.

Having reached a low of 5.3% of pre-pandemic ridership in April 2020, overall ridership, weekend and weekday, reached 55.1% last month, nearly 2 million riders, “and it keeps climbing,” Giulietti said. He said New Jersey rail ridership “closely mirrors ours.”

As riders return, Giulietti hopes to treat them to a (slightly) faster ride to New York. A year ago, Gov. Ned Lamont announced a plan, Time for CT, that among other things promised to shave 10 minutes off the trip from New Haven to New York this year and 25 minutes off the ride by 2035. Giulietti said he expects to meet that goal when new schedules are released later this year, thanks mostly to roadbed improvements.

Upgrading the present system will most likely be the wave of the future for Connecticut rail.

Over the past decade or more, a variety of concepts have been put forward about revamping rail travel in the state, from a second deck



The Metro-North Railroad’s New Haven Line reached its highest single-day passenger count, 81,308, on June 14 since the pandemic began. It was nearly matched the next day, when 80,404 riders took the train. COURANT FILE

along the shoreline route for high-speed trains to a rail tunnel under Long Island Sound.

Giulietti said while these options are still on the table, his immediate concern is bringing the existing system up to a state of good repair and, by doing so, getting as much speed out of it as is safely possible. As has long been reported, the state under-funded its rail system for decades, resulting in what Giulietti calls “piecemeal maintenance.”

Trips got slower, delays became more frequent and 19th-century swing bridges began to fail.

“Amtrak is extremely frustrated by Connecticut. We are their slow-down zone,” said Giulietti.

There have been improvements in recent years. Perhaps the most obvious was the creation of the Hartford Line in 2018, service from New Haven to Hartford and Springfield. Ridership on the Hartford Line has come back well, Giulietti said, reaching 45,185 riders in May,

73.2% of its pre-pandemic ridership.

The DOT has a study in progress that is examining the plausibility of electrifying the Hartford, Danbury and Waterbury lines, which would open those routes to the electric-powered M8 cars. Additionally, the department is in the design phase of double-tracking the Hartford Line north of Hartford and hopes to go after federal funds for the project in the next few years, said department spokesman Josh Morgan. Double-tracking would allow more trains to run on the line, he said.

A few weeks ago, the DOT began running M8 cars on Shore Line East, the service from New London to New Haven and Stamford. Giulietti said he hopes the new equipment — faster and cleaner — will attract more riders.

The line could use them. Ridership had dropped to 2.7% of pre-pandemic levels, from 59,371 to

1,544 in May 2020, but has ascended to 16,386 riders last month, 27.6% of pre-COVID levels.

As to the future, one idea under discussion — still an idea, but an enticing one — is a tunnel to replace the sharp “S” curve in Bridgeport, where trains must slow to 30 mph.

Improvements such as a Bridgeport tunnel will take considerable folding green. But funds are coming. The \$1 trillion federal infrastructure bill signed by President Joe Biden last winter committed \$66 billion to rail improvements, including \$30 billion for the Northeast Corridor and \$6 billion for Amtrak.

Giulietti said that, and the state’s commitment to match federal funds, constitute the largest investment in rail in his more than 50 years in the rail industry.

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Gala will celebrate 100 Women of Color: ‘It’s time for them to shine’

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

SIMSBURY — A congresswoman, a media and entertainment CEO, an entrepreneur and other past awardees will be the guest speakers for the 7th annual 100 Women of Color Gala & Awards that celebrates local community leaders from many career fields.

UConn lecturer, entrepreneur and author June Archer said he is excited about continuing to celebrate the honorees, whom he calls the “backbones and pillars of our communities.”

“It’s important to not only give them their flowers, but also lift... up those who are from their communities, so that (people) could see what they’ve been doing,” Archer said.

“Even some of the unsung heroes that don’t always want recognition, don’t always want to be in the forefront.

“They’re in the background, but it’s time for them to shine because... (if it) were not for them, we probably would not have made it through the way we did, over the past few years during this pandemic.”

A change this year includes having a local focus, as Archer will have past honorees speak to the honorees of 2022.

“So, we’re super excited that we’ve made that decision to say, you know what, not that we don’t want to honor those who have been doing some great things that we can bring back to our community, (as) the whole purpose was to make sure our young people got to see people from

other places,” he said, “... embracing them for what they’ve done on the global stage. Now, it’s really about making sure that our young women get to see those from in our community.”

The keynote speakers include U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, D-5; Francine Austin, chief executive officer of Francine Entertainment & Marketing; and Tasha Ruth, CEO of Ruth Consulting Firm, LLC.

Archer said that this year’s message for the awards and gala ceremony is perseverance, as he feels that this describes each honoree in this year’s class, as many of them had to pivot and shift, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“They had to be creative. Most of them had lost their jobs or walked away from jobs to start their own



U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, D-Conn., shown at an event honoring the 2022 National and State Teachers of the Year in Washington, D.C., will speak at the seventh annual 100 Women of Color Gala & Awards. SUSAN WALSH/AP

businesses,” he said. “We all know that when trying to accomplish (something) and trying to follow our dreams, no matter how big or small, we have to persevere.”

The 7th annual 100 Women of Color Gala & Awards will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday at Simsbury Meadows. Tickets are \$50 and can be bought at eventbrite.com.

Exhibition

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emphasis on ecological, social and other factors

The project came about because “these artists all started an interdisciplinary MFA program together at the University of Hartford during the height of the pandemic,” Mattingly said.

“They met one another over online classes and formulated projects that related to care, and socio-ecological connections, or other issues that were close to them,” Mattingly said. “They all focus on using natural materials or scrap to create monuments to people, for instance an artist’s mother who passed away; nature, for instance, a dome-like beaver house people can enter; and deities ...”

“It is one of the best exhibitions the program has had, and I want to

invite people to visit,” she said.

Artist Julie Chen, formerly of West Hartford and currently living in Rochester, New York, said the exhibit is work by Cohort 5 of the Nomad Interdisciplinary Master of Fine Arts Program, members of which are about to graduate. There are eight people in the cohort, according to Chen.

“As the graduating cohort of international artists, we weave our personal geographies, professions, passions, and beliefs into our final exhibition,” the group said in a statement. “Our work contributes to the wave of cultural expressions erupting as ephemeral streams from two years of psychological disruption at the hands of the increasingly visible and invisible global climatic forces at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The statement noted that “this virulent phenomenon overshadowed and exacerbated systemic

social inequalities in the midst of a rapidly changing climate — all of extreme importance to the C5 Nomads.

“As artists, individually and collectively, we demonstrated tenacity to persevere knowing the only way is through,” the artists’ statement said. “Each of us offers our own story of the creative ideas and processes which pulled us, pushed us, and sustained us as we continue to generate the type of thoughtful, meaningful, and important work that is presented in this show.”

“We (the cohort) were disrupted by COVID, being mostly remote in a place-based program,” Chen said.

She said that, in general, the pandemic disrupted what was happening in the world, including the Black Lives Matter movement, the #me too movement, and climate change, that the cohort felt the need to “push through.” Chen’s projects of grief, loss and memory

are inspired by the death of her mother, Peggy Chen, in 2018 from pancreatic cancer and also relocating from the Hartford area.

“It’s definitely not a typical art exhibition with flat images on a wall,” Chen said, noting there are elements to “sit in, smell, listen to, get inside of.”

One of the significant portions of her exhibit is a costume made of her late mother’s clothing and masks made of her cremains and paper clay.

“It’s a depiction of my mother with what remains of her,” Chen wrote in a description. She uses it as a costume in performances of movement.

“As a costume for performance, I imagine her last days of life when she regressed inward and away from her physical body, and reunites with all her past selves and becomes fluid with them,” Chen wrote. “She is all of them and none of them at the same time, searching

for comfort and peace.”

Chen’s exhibit includes a telephone birthday message from Peggy Chen and a reading lounge with Julie Chen’s library of books on grief, loss, mortality and remembrance.

Other MFA artists exhibiting their work are Mauricio Vargas, Aiyesha Ghani, Katie Grove, Kathryn Cooke, Arnethia Douglass, Monica Kapoor and Roberta Trentin.

In another example, Douglass, 71, of Bristol, has an exhibit that incorporates mythology and the environment, that shows “polluting and destroying Earth” through global warming, deforestation and chemical pollution.

Her exhibit is conveyed through photographs and sculptures. Douglass does counseling, workshops and other activities for a woman’s group who have overcome addiction, and uses “getting in touch with nature.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission meeting of June 20, 2022 the following decision was rendered:

A. Gravel Pit Permit Renewels
Magruder, Middlesex Turnpike, Map 52/ Lot 32
Hull, Middlesex Turnpike, Map 63/Lot 3
Dibble, Ingham Hill Road, Map 35/Lot 8
RENEWALS APPROVED

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 24th day of June, 2022

Robert Friedmann, Chairman
6/24/22 7237364

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission Regular meeting of June 20, 2022 the following decision was rendered:

Master Tile Application for Modification to Special Exception Permit to construct a 1,500 sf. of additional retail show-room/contractor's storage area.
1522 Boston Post Road, Assessor's Map 26, Lot 28, Business B-4 District
Owner: MVJJ, LLC.
Agent: Bob Doane, PE.
GRANTED W/ CONDITIONS

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 23rd day of June, 2022
Robert Friedmann, Chairman
6/23/22 7237192

Legal Notice Town of Cromwell and Cromwell Fire District

Legal Notice is Hereby given that all Motor Vehicle tax bills and the first Installment of Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills on the 2021 Grand List will be delinquent after August 1, 2022. Interest will be charged at 1.5 % per Month beginning with the Due Date of July 1, 2022. A Minimum interest of \$2.00 is charged for each delinquent Town and Fire District Bill. Office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Doug Sienna, CCMC
Tax Collector
6/24, 7/7, 7/27/2022 7226297

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bernice R. Chausse (22-00463)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated June 21, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Deborah Peterson
c/o PETER J ZAGORSKY, ZAGORSKY ZAGORSKY & GALSKE, PC, 73 EAST MAIN STREET, PO. BOX 218, PLAINVILLE, CT 06062

LEGAL NOTICE – TAX BILLS ARE DUE JULY 1, 2022

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Middletown that the first half of Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes on the 2021 Grand List, which covers the taxable year beginning October 1, 2021, become due and payable to the City of Middletown on July 1, 2022. Payment of bills OVER \$100.00 may be made in full or in two installments and bills of \$100.00 or less MUST be paid in full. If the first half is not paid on or before August 1, 2022 then it shall become delinquent and interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum (1 1/2% per month) will be figured from the installment due date of JULY 1, 2022. The Statutory minimum interest charge is two dollars.

NO BILLS WILL BE SENT FOR THE SECOND HALF PAYMENT.

Payments may be made on-line only at www.middletownct.gov by clicking on Online Bill Pay. Please be aware there is a convenience fee if you utilize the on-line service. When mailing CHECKS, all bills must be included with payments to ensure proper credit. Please use pre-addressed envelope which was enclosed in your bill or send to: Middletown Tax Office, 245 deKoven Dr., Middletown, CT 06457.

Lee Muscatello, CCMC,
Tax Collector
6/24/2022 7235639

LEGAL NOTICE For July 2022 Collection

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Killingworth, CT
Phone 860-663-1765 ext. 508
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TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED ON JUNE 30, 2022

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the town of Killingworth, that the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, is due and payable on July 1, 2022. Motor Vehicle taxes are also due on July 1, 2022, in one installment.

If not paid on or before August 1, 2022 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of 18% per annum (1 1/2 % for each month or fraction thereof) dating back to the original due date of the bill. Two months of interest will be due on August 2, 2022. A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 is applicable to each delinquent tax bill.

You may pay by mail. Checks should be made payable to: Tax Collector. Mail postmarked on or before August 1, 2022 will be considered an on-time payment. (US Postal Service postmark only) You may also leave payments in the dropbox located next to the main door at Town Hall or pay online at www.townofkillingworth.com.

As a matter of law, the taxpayer is liable to the town for the tax installment(s) as they become due and payable. Liability is not created by, nor dependent upon receipt of a tax bill. Therefore, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the statutorily required interest when a late payment is made.

Michelle B. Nuhn, CCMC, CCMO
Tax Collector
6/24, 7/8 & 7/26/22 7223833

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JULY 7, 2022 PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Request for a G.S. 14-54 location approval for the sale of used cars at 455 Middlefield St. in the I-2 zone. Applicant/ Agent: Manuel Sebastian Castro Largo. G.S. 14-54 2022-2

Steven Kovach, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
6/24, 7/1/2022 7235294

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION TOWN OF DEEP RIVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

At its virtual Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 16, 2022, the Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decision:

Approved: Special Permit for reconstruction of an existing deck, addition underneath an existing overhang, and a dormer above existing intersecting gable roof under Section 14.4.1 Gateway Conservation Zone at 155 River Road; Applicant: Eric Auer/Auer Builders; Owner: Cary Waelter.

Details of the decisions are available in the meeting minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully,
Anthony Bolduc
PZC Chairman
6/24/2022 7238067

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Southington has levied upon the following properties in Southington and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2022 at the Southington Town Hall at 75 Main Street.

159 Fleetwood Road (Volume 258 Page 58) owned by John A. Adams, owing \$35,857.68.

7 Whitney Avenue (Volume 1051 Page 593) owned by Mary Ellen Attardo, owing \$13,068.23. First Franklin, A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Citibank, N.A.; and Cavalry SPV I, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

151 Pond View Drive (Volume 216 Page 260) owned by Stephen Louis DeSapio or his Estate, owing \$20,642.78. Citizens Bank, N.A. as successor to RBS Citizens, N.A.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Stephen Louis DeSapio may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

44 Village Road (Volume 492 Page 353) owned by the Estate of Mary D. Frace, owing \$22,792.72. Gail T. Frace; Spring Lake Village Condominium 1, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Mary D. Frace may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

39 Mark Drive Unit 20B (Volume 722 Page 111) owned by Allison S. Goff, owing \$33,810.58. The Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General and Bradley Memorial; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Citibank, N.A.; Matthew Wayne Condominium Association, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as successor to The Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB; and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Manor Road (Volume 1332 Page 745) owned by Donald G. Graves or his Estate, owing \$26,300.94. Thomas D. Graves; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Donald G. Graves may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

42 Manor Road (Volume 290 Page 216) owned by Shirleyanne Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann Jakielea or her Estate, owing \$20,729.86. Tony Maloney; Juanita Jakielea; Robin Frost; Unifund Corporation; Cityscape Corporation; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Shirleyanne Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann Jakielea may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

292 Meriden Avenue (Volume 548 Page 156) owned by Richard J. Lulis, owing \$41,885.14.

285 Marion Avenue (Volume 1260 Page 186) owned by Geraldine Milo, owing \$11,518.03. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com.
June 24, 2022 7232467

TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its regular meeting on June 7, 2022 the Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve Application #22-12: Request for a Special Permit under Section 2.7.A.4 to construct a garage over 1,000 square feet at 560-562 Main Street, Timothy Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and Sharon S. Farrell and 194 Shunpike Road LLC are the Owners.

Alice Kelly
Chairman
Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 10th day of June of 2022.
6/25/2022 7237970

Property Auction

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36 Woodruff Street (Volume 683 Page 579) owned by Waldemar Sadowski, owing \$6,483.51. Janina Torneo; or her Estate; Achieve Financial Credit Union; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Janina Demko may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

64 Melcon Drive (Volume 793 Page 228) owned by Doreen S. Santaniello, owing \$23,848.15.

89 Laurel Street (Volume 1216 Page 346) owned by Frank J. Slapski, owing \$35,622.99.

234 Moore Hill Drive (Volume 322 Page 88) owned by Linda E. Smith a/k/a Linda Ellen Smith, owing \$28,423.10.

367 South End Road (Volume 1410 Page 77) owned by South End Road Trust, owing \$26,668.37. T & T Capital Partners, LLC; John Torneo; may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

23 Charles Street (Volume 1388 Page 608) owned by Donald J. Sperry, Jr., owing \$31,872.24.

56 Evergreen Lane (Volume 597 Page 702) owned by Jeffrey A. Stanowski, owing \$26,628.13. American Eagle Financial Credit Union formerly American Eagle Federal Credit Union; The Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General and Bradley Memorial; and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

1631 Mount Vernon Road (Southington Assessor Map 129 Lot 23) owned by Edward Szpak, owing \$20,067.57.

431 North Main Street (Volume 1308 Page 1044) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$13,204.98. Dyer Trust 2012-1 and Nathan Primus may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

25 Darling Street (Volume 1340 Page 371) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$14,423.15.

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June 24, 2022 7232782

Public Notice City of Middletown, Connecticut

The City of Middletown is preparing to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) its' Annual Plan outlining the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The public is requested to provide comments on the following allocations:

Russell Library	Career Program	1,675	
St Vincent DePaul	Amazing Grace Food	15,000	
City of Middletown	Warming Center	17,000	
Gilead Community Svcs	Magnolia Home HVAC	10,500	
City of Mtdn.	Fire Dept.	Active Violence Equipment	34,413
Middlesex Community College	Magic School Bus		7,825
Oddfellows	Scholarships-Youth Arts Programs	6,000	
Oddfellows	Projector Installation-Morgan Theater	37,915	
City of Middletown	Farmers' Market		
Futures, Inc.	Energy Efficiency	21,276	
Northern Middlesex YMCA	HVAC in Men's Residence –Year 2 Funding	113,520	
Northern Middlesex YMCA	Fire Protection Equipment Replacement	23,000	
Middletown Housing Authority	Maplewood Terrace Paving	100,000	
Women & Family Services	Sexual Assault Crisis Program	10,000	
City of Middletown	Program Administration	90,000	
Total		\$498,124	

A copy of the plan can be found online at <http://www.middletownct.gov/306/Community-Development> or in the Department of Economic & Community Development, Municipal Building, Room 202, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457.

In accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), written comments will be accepted if received by 4:30 p.m. on July 25, 2022. Comments can be emailed to Lynda.MacPherson@MiddletownCT.Gov or mailed to the attention of Lynda MacPherson, Department of Economic & Community Development, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457. Public comments will be integrated into the final document before submission to HUD.

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LEGAL NOTICE SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT

The regular monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the South Fire District of the City of Middletown will be held at the firehouse, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

July 2022 – No meeting
August 2022 – No meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Monday, November 14, 2022
Monday, December 12, 2022
Monday, January 9, 2023
Monday, February 13, 2023
Monday, March 13, 2023
Monday, April 10, 2023
Monday, May 8, 2023
Monday, June 12, 2023

The following meetings will also be held as indicated:

Annual Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2023, Time TB
Budget Meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Time TBD

This will be the only posting for regular meetings. Special meetings of the electors will be advertised prior to the special meeting dates.

The schedule of meetings is posted at the firehouse and on the district's website at www.southfiredistrict.com.

Deborah Kleckowski, Chairwoman
Board of Fire Commissioners

Dated: 6/16/22
Post: 6/24/22
June 24, 2022 7234719

Thriller may best convey Hemsworth's powers

'Spiderhead' actor's
deft balancing act
showcases his range

By **Jake Coyle**
Associated Press

“Top Gun: Maverick” director Joseph Kosinski again had a plane in the air, only this time Chris Hemsworth was at the wheel.

They were shooting “Spiderhead,” a science-fiction prison thriller based on a George Saunders story, along the coast of Australia. The film is set almost entirely in a remote concrete fortress jutting out over the sea, but it opens with the arrival of a seaplane that was flown by Hemsworth with Kosinski lying in the back. The slow-moving, prop-engine plan was a far cry from the F-18 jets of Kosinski’s box-office smash.

“It was initially going to be the plane Tom Cruise did his work in,” Hemsworth jokes.

“Spiderhead,” now on Netflix, is in many ways the opposite of “Top Gun: Maverick.” It’s a talky, interior film made during the pandemic that will be streaming in homes, not filling IMAX screens. But chief among its quirky pleasures is Hemsworth’s leading performance as the researcher who presides as a benevolent, ’80s-yacht-rock-dancing tyrant over the Spiderhead Penitentiary and Research Center, cheerfully conducting experiments in which he drugs prisoners to chemically raise or lower their moods, appetites and verbal acuity.

For a performer who has only occasionally flashed his comic ability (hosting “Saturday Night Live,” as



Chris Hemsworth, left, and Miles Teller star in “Spiderhead,” a science-fiction prison thriller based on a George Saunders story. **NETFLIX**

the secretary in “Ghostbusters”), Hemsworth’s deft balancing act in “Spiderhead” showcases a range well beyond the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Hemsworth, who recently began shooting George Miller’s “Furiosa,” returns as Thor again in July’s “Thor: Love and Thunder,” a franchise that has gradually loosened to adapt to its star’s comic agility. And there are more action movies (“Extraction 2”) on the way. But without a fight scene or a special effect, “Spiderhead” may convey Hemsworth’s powers better than anything before it.

“This was one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve had,” Hemsworth said from Australia in a recent interview. “Normally, these films, you string them out over three or four months. In this instance, due to my schedule, due to COVID restrictions and so on, it was compressed into a four-week period. Initially,

we didn’t think it was possible.”

Aside from pandemic factors, “Spiderhead” is uniquely improbable considering its source material. Few have ever read a Saunders story and thought it would transfer seamlessly into a movie. But screenwriters Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick developed the author’s 2010 story “Escape From Spiderhead,” a farcical yet moving first-person account of a prisoner (played by Miles Teller in the film) undergoing lab tests. They greatly expanded the part played by Hemsworth, Dr. Steve Abnesti, who enthusiastically runs the facility with few rules and mysterious intentions. He’s a little like the nicest Bond villain you’ve ever met.

Kosinski sent the script to Hemsworth hoping he’d respond to the role.

“In his performances, I always saw glimpses of a wide range of availabilities that maybe sometimes gets

masked by the action films and his leading-man looks,” says Kosinski.

“There’s a precision to his physicality that really lends itself to this role,” the director adds. “He has this ability that I’ve seen in Tom (Cruise), as well, to really understand the frame and the lens and where to be in it. That’s something that not everybody has. He’s just really aware of the medium and how to use it effectively.”

In “Spiderhead,” Hemsworth uses the exactitude and charisma he normally leans on in more conventional leading-man performances for darker, manipulative purposes.

“There was sort of a nervous energy underneath it, bubbling away, even in the stiller moments,” Hemsworth says. “I was trying to tap into that feeling when you’re about to break and you either laugh or cry, but you’re right on the tightrope. Whatever that feeling is, I wanted the character to be in it

and hopefully give a sense of: Which way is he going to turn next? What’s going to be the next reaction?”

“Spiderhead” was shot largely in sequence on a sound stage, and Hemsworth seems visibly liberated by the lack of constraints — costume or otherwise — of the production.

“I’m so thankful for the films I’ve played, but they didn’t give me the range and opportunity to explore in this way,” Hemsworth says.

Hemsworth, 38, drew partly from CEOs and technocrats who exude a hyper-intelligent, obsessive focus, but who might, in their certainty of technology’s potential, lack empathy. Still, the character’s high-functioning narcissism isn’t entirely alien to Hemsworth, either.

“There was a cheekiness to the character that reminded me of myself in school, allowing my thoughts to run ahead of

one another, not really caring about what I’m doing or what I’m saying,” he says. “That enthusiasm and that excitement is me at my most inventive and creative. Catch me on a day when I’m exhausted and not in that space, then that’s not the character. But that part of me I wanted to be prominent.”

“Spiderhead” arrives between bigger blockbusters by both its director and star, on the heels of “Top Gun: Maverick” and the cusp of “Thor: Love and Thunder.” Both are likely to rank among the biggest ticket sellers of the year.

But for both Hemsworth and Kosinski, the variation between projects, and the ability to go off and make a strange, hard-to-describe sci-fi film for a mass audience is part of the particular charm of “Spiderhead.” Kosinski recently set up his next project, a Formula One racing film starring Brad Pitt and Apple TV+, with plans for a wide exclusive theatrical release before streaming.

“It’s a very interesting hybrid. It kind of spans these two films that I just did,” says Kosinski. “Everyone’s trying to figure out: What does the future of cinema look like? We thought this was an interesting model to try.”

For Hemsworth, whose “Extraction” ranks as one of Netflix’s most watched films, “Spiderhead” was a deviation that only encouraged him when he readjusted back to bigger movies.

“Both service the other,” Hemsworth says. “Any time I venture out and do something different and then return back to, say, Thor, I find I have a different appreciation for the character and also a different opinion of it.”

CELEBRITIES

Oscars group adds Matlin to board

From news services

Actor Marlee Matlin, director Jason Reitman and producer Jason Blum are joining the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The organization that puts on the Oscars said Wednesday that they are among the 12 Hollywood professionals who have been elected to the board for the first time. Others joining the board include cinematographer Dion Beebe, casting director Richard Hicks and marketing and public relations executive Megan Colligan.

Each of the academy’s 17 branches are represented by three governors who help set and guide the strategy for the academy and manage its financial health. Other governors currently serving include Whoopi Goldberg, Ava DuVernay and Rita Wilson.

With this election, a majority of the Board of Governors is female and 28% of members belong to an underrepresented racial or ethnic group.

Stars gather to hand out Daytime Emmys: After two years of real-life drama and isolation due to the pandemic, the stars and shows of daytime television are gathering in person to hand out trophies at the Daytime Emmys.

Kevin Frazier and Nischelle Turner of “Entertainment Tonight” host the 49th annual awards, which air Friday on CBS and will stream on Paramount+. Presenters include Drew Barrymore, Deidre Hall, Tamron Hall and Cameron Mathison.

“The Young and the Restless” garnered a leading 18 nominations, including six in the main acting categories. “General Hospital” had 17 nods.

John Aniston, father of Jennifer Aniston, is being



Marlee Matlin, seen March 28, is among the 12 professionals joining the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. **PATRICK T. FALLON/GETTY-AFP**

honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his 37-year role as Victor Kiriakis on “Days of Our Lives.”

The Creative Arts and Lifestyle ceremony was held last week.

Cruise ship with Broadway stars to set sail: The maiden voyage of a cruise ship starring a boatload of musical theater stars — such as Tony Award winners Laura Benanti, Kristin Chenoweth, Alan Cumming and Lena Hall — will set sail next spring.

The Broadway Cruise — heading roundtrip from New York City to Bermuda March 31 to April 5 — will also feature Tony nominees Joshua Henry, Taylor Louderman and Jeremy Jordan, as well as Broadway favorites Randy Rainbow and Sierra Boggess.

Producers promise “intimate and grand scale shows and cabarets from Broadway’s coolest talent”

as well as “tips and techniques from some of the best and brightest creative talent working today.”

Tony-nominated scenic designer David Korins will discuss his creative process when designing settings for the stage and Tony-nominated choreographer Kelly Devine will discuss the art of the dance. Chris Jahnke will serve as music director.

The cruise will borrow the Norwegian Gem, which accommodates 2,000 people.

June 24 birthdays: Actor Michele Lee is 80. Actor Georg Stanford Brown is 79. Drummer Mick Fleetwood is 75. Bassist John Illsley is 73. Singer Derrick Simpson is 72. Actor Nancy Allen is 72. Actor Danielle Spencer is 57. Actor Sherry Stringfield is 55. Actor Mindy Kaling is 43. Singer Solange Knowles is 36. Actor Beanie Feldstein is 29.



ASK AMY

By **Amy Dickinson**
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Man seeks on-ramp for romantic relationship

Dear Amy: I’m a 66-year-old gay man. I’ve been seeing “Dave,” who’s 64, for about six months.

So far, this is “just friends.” Our relationship is platonic.

Dave has met my sisters and friends, and they think he is wonderful. So do I!

He broke up with “Michael” just before I met him. He hasn’t been seeing anyone else in any capacity for the last two months.

Dave and I are going RV-ing in a few weeks. During the trip, I’ll be meeting his mom.

I’ve been single for many years. My last ex was my best friend, who died four years ago.

I continue to see other men for casual sex. “Dave” knows, and said: “Be who you are, don’t change.”

We’ve talked about monogamy (we both were monogamous in our past relationships).

My fear is that I can’t be monogamous, even though I 1,000 percent want to be.

I feel like a 16-year-old in my infatuation and love.

In the past, I’ve been accused (by an ex) of ambivalence, but now I feel consumed by the need to be by his side.

His ex was controlling to the nth degree.

How do I balance his abhorrence of control, where I want to see him more? I figure I have at least 10 more good years, and I’ve found the best, at last. I want this!

— Tom

full, non-platonic, monogamous relationship with you? You should ask him. You should also be completely transparent about your concerns about your own preferences and past experiences.

If he values monogamy and yet doesn’t care if you continue seeing other people, then it’s possible that he isn’t ready to — or doesn’t want to — commit to you. Accept his choices and this ambiguity with as much openness and equanimity as you can.

You being open about your feelings is only speaking to your own experience — not trying to control him. Making that leap into full trust — of him and of yourself — is the brave and romantic RV hero’s journey that you’re facing.

Speaking as someone who found “the best one” later in life, I’d like to testify to the transforming nature of a truly committed relationship between two equals.

If you want this, then go get it.

Dear Amy: A few months ago, my co-workers went out for happy hour. We were talking about how our jobs can make relationships challenging. I mentioned a co-worker going through a divorce. I didn’t mention her name, but another co-worker said, “Oh, you’re talking about ‘Tammy’! She’s a good friend of mine!”

Everyone knows and likes Tammy. We were all in agreement that we disliked what her husband was putting her through.

Tammy called me and said that she heard that I’ve been talking about her. Whoever told her this said

that I told the group some terrible things about her child and ex-husband.

I told her I never said what she was accusing me of. I told her that the person that shared this false information is obviously someone that she trusts. I can tell that she doesn’t believe me.

I don’t know if I should demand that she tell me who said this about me, or if I should leave it alone. I really like her, and I’m sad about how she now perceives me.

— Remorseful Gossip Girl

Dear Remorseful: Do not double down by extending the drama. You might contact “Tammy” to say, “Your good opinion means a lot to me. I want to repeat that I would never spread or repeat malicious gossip about you.”

Dear Amy: I was so disappointed in your response to “Young Wife”! This woman’s in-laws were staying in her apartment (the young couple were staying elsewhere), and the mother-in-law was cleaning and doing the couple’s laundry!

No one should touch anyone else’s possessions. This is an important boundary issue.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I asserted that the mother-in-law was trying to be helpful. If the older woman erred or overstepped, her daughter-in-law should kindly let her know.

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After 700 credits, James Hong isn't done yet

Walk of Fame star spurs more offers for trailblazing actor, 93

By Jen Yamato
Los Angeles Times

In 1953, James Hong left Minnesota with a buddy in a Buick and hit Route 66, bound for California.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, during which he put on shows for his fellow troops, the Minneapolis native planned to spend a summer in Los Angeles before resuming his engineering studies back home. Then an unlikely big break changed his life: impressing Groucho Marx with an impression of Groucho Marx on an episode of “You Bet Your Life.”

He moved to LA, got an agent and started booking small roles. The rest was history — much to the initial disapproval of his tradition-minded parents.

“They thought I was crazy. They thought I was no good,” said Hong, 93, with a smile on a recent afternoon at his Beverly Hills home. “James Hong had to be a black sheep and become an actor.” Back then, he had no idea how far his acting dreams would take him, the challenges he’d face as a Chinese American in Hollywood, or that he’d become one of the most prolific film and TV performers in U.S. history.

So it was an emotional affair when, almost 70 years later, the “Blade Runner,” “Big Trouble in Little China” and “Kung Fu Panda” actor received his star on the Walk of Fame in May in front of the former Grauman’s Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard. With nearly 700 film, television and video game credits to date, he became the oldest person and one of relatively few Asian American and Pacific Islanders to do so as family, friends, fans and jubilant lion dancers cheered him.

“It was well-deserved,”



Asian American actor James Hong is seen May 10 after being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame during a ceremony in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL/AP

said actor and producer Daniel Dae Kim, who first met Hong when they worked together on an episode of “Charmed” in 2001.

Attempts to get Hong his star had been unsuccessful until 2020, when Kim helped rally a public effort to push his application through and crowdfund the \$55,000 fee. As not just an icon but an agent of change, the battles Hong and his peers fought to simply work, live and persevere as artists in the industry paved the way for the generations that followed, Kim said.

Still aglow days after the ceremony, Hong laughed at the notion of retirement and reflected on a question he’s often asked about his prolific and trailblazing career: How’d he do it?

“Obviously,” he said in the understatement of a lifetime, “it took a lot of work.”

Taking nary a break since the 1950s, he leaned on his natural instincts and genre-hopping versatility, worked with John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Chuck

Norris and Sammo Hung, left indelible impressions in “Chinatown,” “Wayne’s World 2” and “Airplane!” and lent his voice to animated films from “Mulan” to “Turning Red.”

More Hong projects are on the way, including the HBO Max animated series “Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai.” He can be seen in theaters traversing the multiverse as the grumpy grandpa Gong Gong in A24’s “Everything Everywhere All at Once,” in a performance that upends expectations and makes use of the nonagenarian’s dynamic range.

Hong’s credits run the gamut across genres and generations, from “Flower Drum Song,” “The Sand Pebbles” and “Kung Fu” to “Tango & Cash,” “The West Wing,” “Friends” and “The Big Bang Theory.” His long career as a character actor speaks to a skill for turning small parts into meatier roles with depth and wit and imbuing roles with main character energy, almost defiantly so.

He played replicant eye

designer Hannibal Chew in sci-fi classic “Blade Runner,” went toe-to-toe with Jack Nicholson in “Chinatown” and its sequel, “The Two Jakes” and comically stymied a starving Jerry, Elaine and George as the manager of a busy restaurant on an episode of “Seinfeld.”

But Hong’s most beloved role, filled with a delicious winking wickedness and surprising pathos, remains one of his most complex: the powerful sorcerer David Lo Pan of 1986 cult classic “Big Trouble in Little China.”

“All he wanted was a girl with green eyes,” said Hong of the humanity he found in his charismatic villain. “I don’t know about your dreams, but in my dreams, I’m lost — I’m still looking for something. I put that feeling into David Lo Pan. Seeking. Looking. I think you could see in the old man’s eyes that he was lonely. He was looking for something he couldn’t find in the universe, so he came down to Earth.”

After he wowed Groucho

Marx on air, Hong decided to transfer to the University of Southern California to finish his studies. Soon he was booking several acting gigs a year while working as an engineer for Los Angeles County. But like other Asian American actors in Hollywood, Hong grew increasingly frustrated with the racist stereotypes and bit parts he had to navigate.

“Through those first two decades, I cannot remember roles for Asian Americans that had a lot of heart and a lot of feeling,” said Hong. “They were cardboard characters. They were clichéd.” He lamented the colleagues who’d come before him who had no choice but to take demeaning or “gimmick” roles, or else not get work, such as Keye Luke, Benson Fong and Victor Sen Yung.

His fellow Asian American artists shared his frustrations. One day, he called future Oscar nominee Mako Iwamatsu and their friend, dancer Al Huang, to his apartment. “We said, ‘We have to do something,’” Hong recalled.

In 1965, Hong and Iwamatsu established the all-Asian American theater troupe East West Players with seven other artists to give themselves the starring roles they were typically not cast in and to tell their own stories.

“They wanted to create opportunities for themselves as artists to play roles that they traditionally were not considered for, outside of the stereotypical roles that Asians are still cast in today,” said Snehal Desai, producing artistic director of EWP, now the oldest and largest Asian American theater company in the U.S.

“They empowered themselves when they felt like they weren’t getting the opportunities that they wanted or should,” said Desai. “We can’t speak enough of the outsized influence James has had on the Asian American community, particularly

the Asian American artistic community.”

Watching “Everything Everywhere All at Once” co-star Ke Huy Quan as Waymond during filming filled Hong with pride and reminded him of his own Hollywood battles, after hearing that the former child actor left acting for two decades because of a lack of opportunities.

“I said, ‘This guy is really good! Why hasn’t he been doing movie roles forever before this?’” said Hong. “He should not have been hibernating for 20 years.”

“The ability to just act and perform, that is a born quality in Ke,” said Hong. “And I would say there probably is another 200 actors and actresses (with) that talent. But they’re not getting recognized because their industry still is not producing enough movies with roles — with good roles — for Asian American actors.”

Maybe that’s why, after fighting for so long for change, Hong is in no hurry to ease up. In addition to the “Gremlins” animated prequel, he’ll reprise his voice role as Mr. Ping for Netflix in “Kung Fu Panda: The Dragon Knight” and appear on Disney+ series “American Born Chinese” alongside “Everything Everywhere All at Once” costmates Michelle Yeoh, Quan and Stephanie Hsu.

Also upcoming is a fantasy feature directed by Zack Ward that Hong stars in, co-wrote and is producing, “Patsy Lee and the Keepers of the Five Kingdoms,” about a girl and her grandfather who are transported to a magical kingdom of the past.

Since Hong’s star ceremony, the calls have kept coming. “It’s busier than ever, it’s nonstop,” he marveled of the acting opportunities that have resurged for him in recent years, as roles have slowly gotten better and bigger in the industry he worked for decades to be seen by. “I like it that way.”



Da'Jour Jones stars as Percy “Organizm” Elmore in “Players.” ERIN SIMKIN/PARAMOUNT+

Teen gamer scores big break in esports comedy ‘Players’

By Nick Vadala
The Philadelphia Inquirer

It has been a whirlwind few weeks for Da’Jour Jones. First, it was his senior prom. Then, he graduated from Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Delaware. Finally, he attended the premiere for a TV show in which he has a lead role.

That series, “Players,” recently premiered on Paramount+.

“Everything’s just been leading up to one bigger event,” says Jones, 19, who was born in Philadelphia and raised in Delaware. And he’s not the show’s only Philly connection.

A comedic mockumentary focused on the world of esports, “Players” comes from Exton, Pennsylvania, native Tony Yacenda and his writing partner Dan Perrault — the duo behind the Peabody Award-winning Netflix series “American Vandal.” In “Players,” Jones plays Percy “Organizm” Elmore, a 17-year-old Philly kid who is on a quest to become the greatest professional player in the history of online battle arena game “League of Legends.”

Something of a cross between “Rocky” and “Silicon Valley,” the show follows Jones’ character from his Philadelphia neighborhood to the big leagues and back as he joins professional gaming team Fugitive. The team is on a journey to win its first League Championship Series title — but tension between Jones’ stoic rookie Organizm and veteran team leader Creamcheese (played by Misha Brooks) threatens to derail the effort.

But you don’t need to know anything about video games — let alone the vast, fanatical culture of esports fandom — to get the show.

While it mostly wasn’t filmed in Philly, “Players” very much feels like a Philly story. That authenticity, Yacenda says, is by design — including casting Jones as a series lead.

“It’s not a coincidence that I wanted Organizm, this prodigy playing in his parents’ house, to be a 17-year-old kid from Philadelphia,” Yacenda says. “And for me, I really wanted to find the genuine article, not some kid who had just gone to Juilliard and is 24 playing a

17-year-old.”

Jones fits the bill well. He started acting around age 5, took up stand-up comedy at age 12, and has taken classes at area institutions. While he has appeared in projects such as “That Damn Michael Che” on HBO Max and the forthcoming film “Signs of Love,” “Players” is his biggest role to date — much like Organizm’s trek into pro gaming with Fugitive is the character’s big break.

“I felt like each day, every step I was taking, I was also taking those steps with him,” says Jones. But, he adds, he and his character are nothing alike, outside of their obsessions with wanting to be the greatest at what they do. But playing Organizm, he hopes, will be inspirational, considering that in real life, esports often lack diversity.

“This isn’t the average, typical part for a young African American kid such as myself,” says Jones. “I felt like it could be inspiring to see a young, African American kid coming up and dominating in a league that is predominantly European and Asian.”

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): The way you handle your finances is under the spotlight. You have a hard time keeping your wallet shut. As long as it’s worth the cash, there’s nothing wrong with treating yourself. You could come up with a new way to earn, so think outside the box.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Change, whether little or big, isn’t out of the question for you, giving you a flash of inspiration. Perhaps it’s time to try a new hairstyle or get a tattoo you’ve been thinking about for years. It doesn’t have to be a major transformation — just enough to make you feel like something is different.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your current mental capacity could surprise you, Gemini. You might even feel like you’re getting signals from somewhere beyond your own mind, so see if you can decipher what these messages are trying to convey. Looking between the lines can lead you to something special.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Peers are more than capable of surprising you right now. If you’ve been feeling stagnant in your friendships, then today you could meet someone — or a group of people — who feel like a breath of fresh air. Talking to strangers or acquaintances could gain you amazing new pals.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A change on the career front could be exactly what the doctor ordered. Instead of doing things by the book like you’re used to, consider exploring new ways of meeting the demands on your time and energy. A little bit of ingenuity could net you a new prospect to boost yourself up in the world.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Unusual circumstances could be affecting the world beyond your front door, tearing down your current boundaries and showing you a freer state of mind. A chance to broaden your horizons could arrive when you least expect it, so be willing to answer the universe when it calls.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Chances to transform yourself in powerful ways abound in your life, urging you to push the boundaries of what you have explored. There could be some eye-opening conversations around financial matters. You should be able to steer them in your favor. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A partner could rock your world today. An important person could throw a few curveballs your way when you least expect it, perhaps by asking more of you than you were prepared to give. On the flip side, they have a chance to bring some wonderful opportunities your way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t be afraid to move your body. Make an effort to break a sweat doing something different that brings a smile to your face, like dancing or hiking — anything that you haven’t tried. Avoid doing the same old routine, because you’ll almost definitely feel like you’re hitting a wall if you don’t change things up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It’s a good day to color outside the lines, making this a perfect moment to let your intuition take the wheel and see what you can make. It’s okay to focus on having fun at this time. Keep an eye out for chances to enjoy yourself to pop up — you won’t want to miss them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Something unexpected could occur under your own roof at any moment. If a person isn’t the cause of this surprise, then you might need to tend to some matters around the house. Whatever happens, something is practically guaranteed to require your attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Life might be about to take you in some unusual directions. Chances are high that you’ll discover something intriguing, like a new bar or coffee shop, or meet someone who quickly goes from stranger to friend. Being willing to interact with people should get you some entertaining results.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 24, 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia,

indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western

allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.

In 1992, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.

In 2021, a 12-story condominium building in Surfside, Florida, collapsed, killing 98 people.

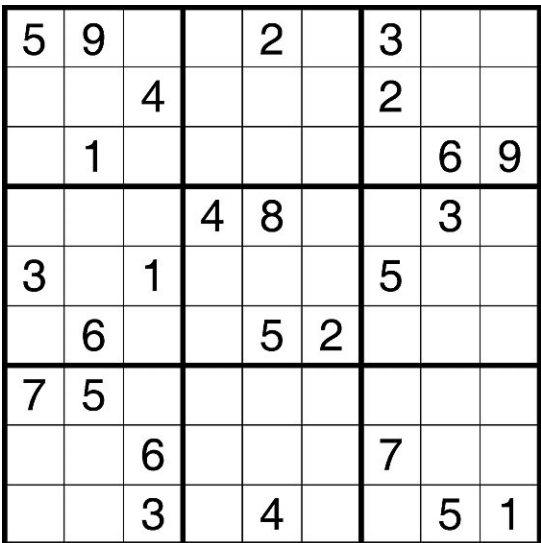
BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at [PlayJumble.com](https://www.playjumble.com)



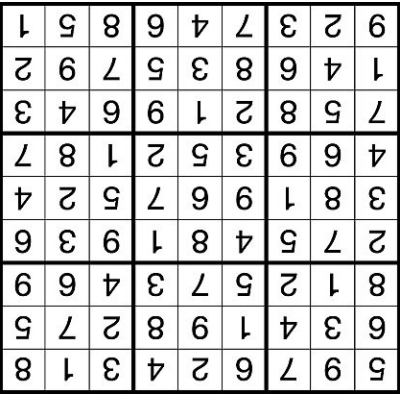
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SUDOKU



Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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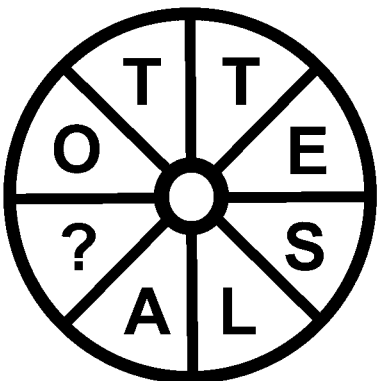
- 3 letters = 1 point
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- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 5 points
- 8 letters = 6 points
- 9 letters = 7 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST FIVE SOURCES OF POWER in the grid of letters.

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: FRUIT

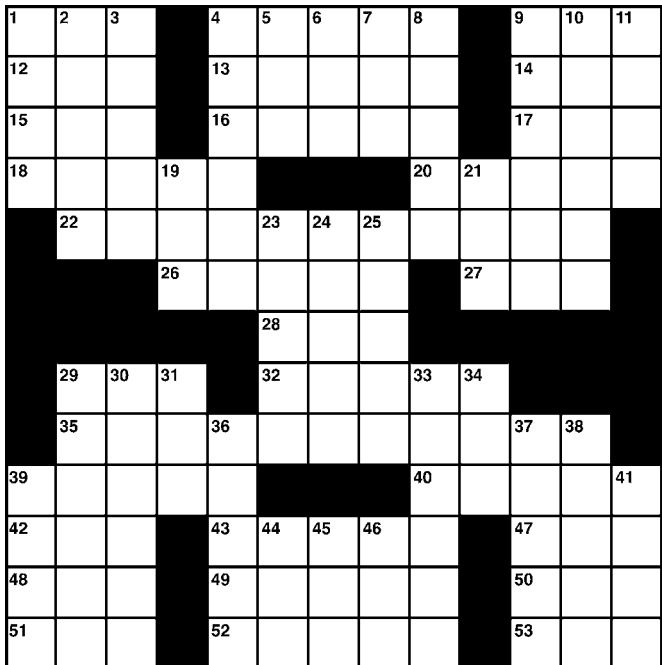
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



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- Keen; role on "The Blacklist"
- Astaire and Savage
- "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- Go quickly
- Rented again
- Tiny vegetable
- "Up ___ Night"
- Couch potato
- Fond du __, WI
- McEntire's namesakes
- "All in the Family" role
- "___ the Stars"
- "It's ___ Never"; Elvis song
- Feminine ending
- Suffix for text or percent
- "___ This Old House"
- One-dish meals
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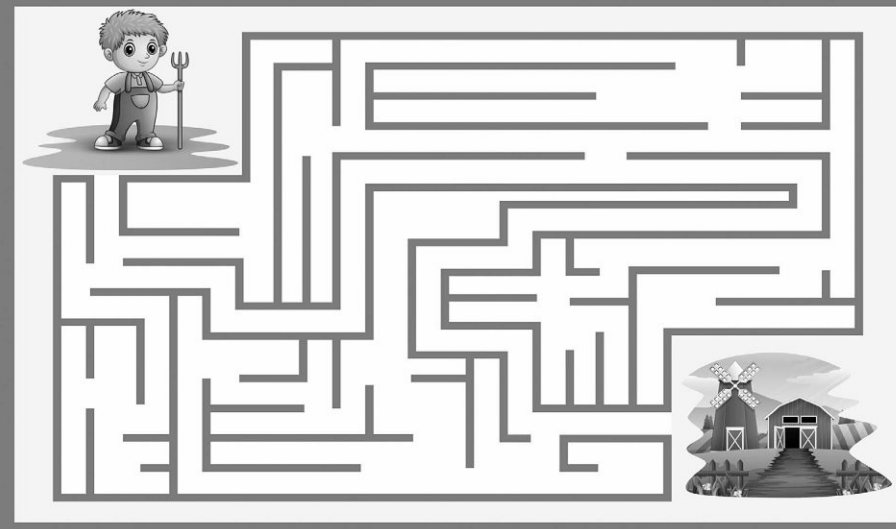
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- Hosp. employees
- Ames and Asner
- Sprinkles at the table
- Night we watch "48 Hours": abbr.
- "___ she blows!"
- Lubricated
- Actress and R&B singer ___ Moore
- "The ___ Kid"; Gene Wilder/Harrison Ford film
- "The ___ Skelton Hour"
- Building wing
- Billy ___ Williams
- Scatter
- Divides
- Ledger & others
- Every
- Curry or Jillian
- "___ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
- "Oh, ___ I was in Dixie, Hooray! Hooray!..."
- Actor Nick
- "___ Acres"
- "___ as It Gets"; film for Jack Nicholson
- Sharon & Oliver
- Actor Berry
- Betty & Jaleel
- Actor ___ Caesar
- Funeral burnings
- "___ Club"; game show of old
- Judy Garland's younger daughter
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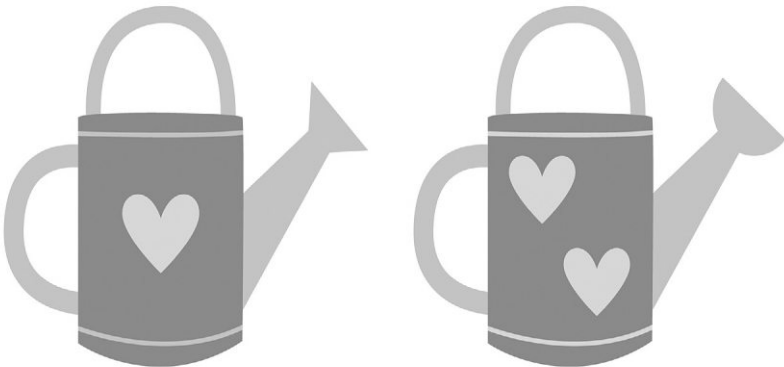
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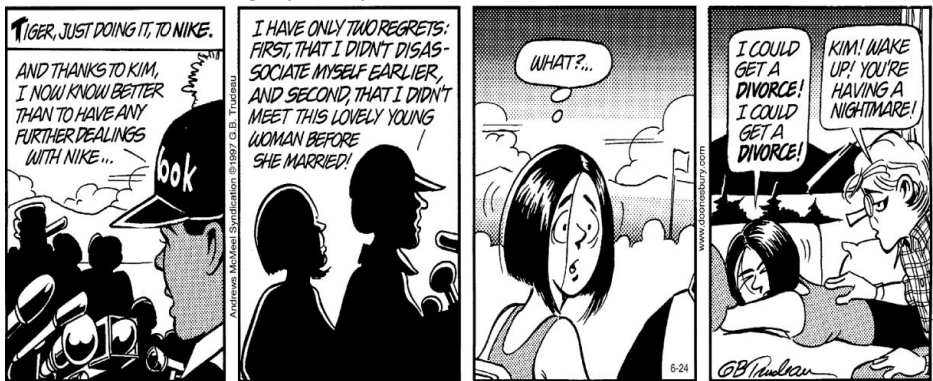
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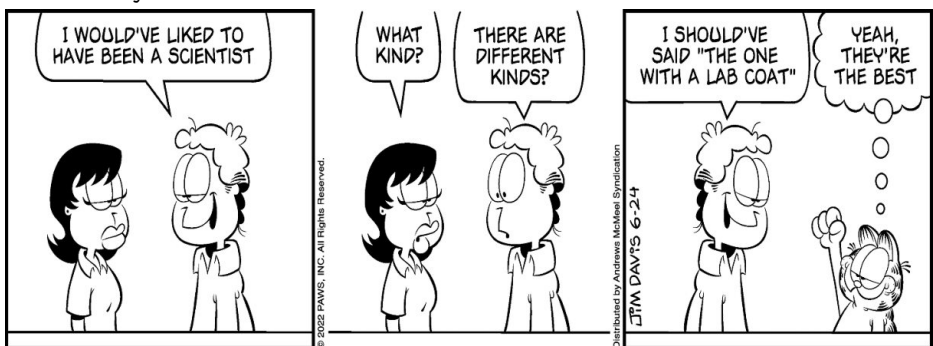
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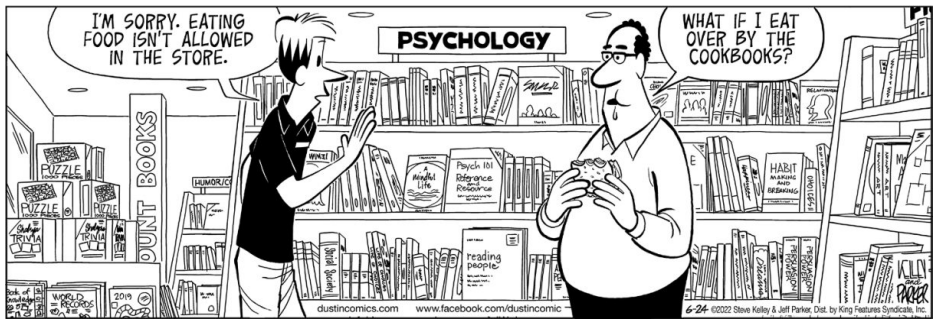
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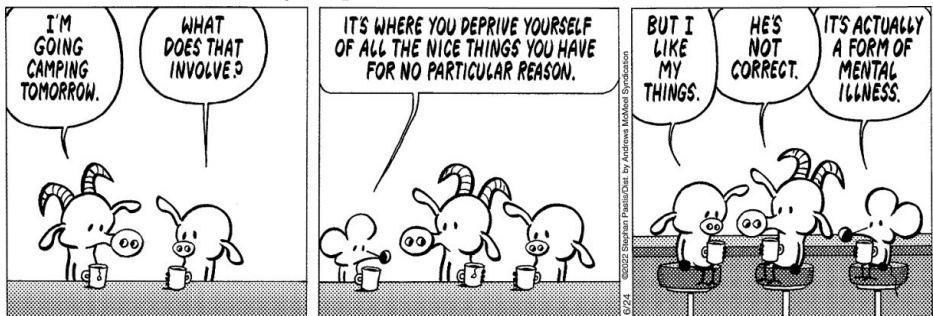
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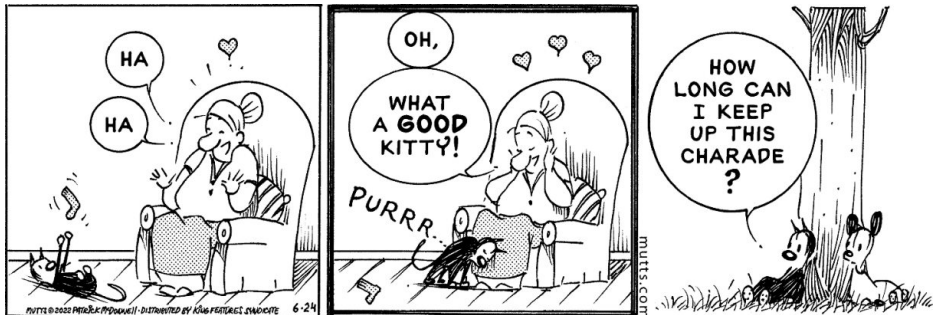
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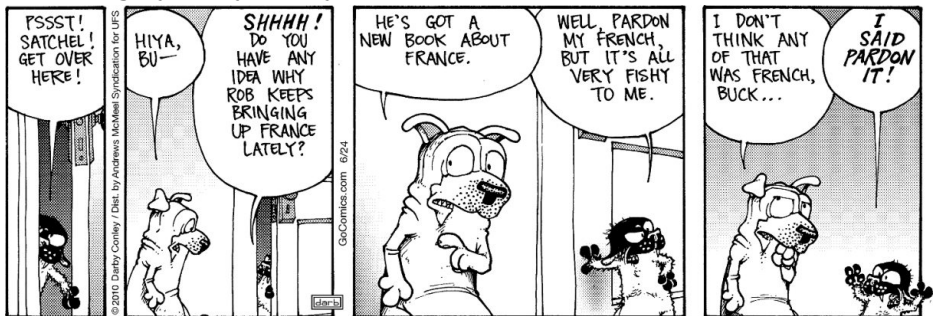
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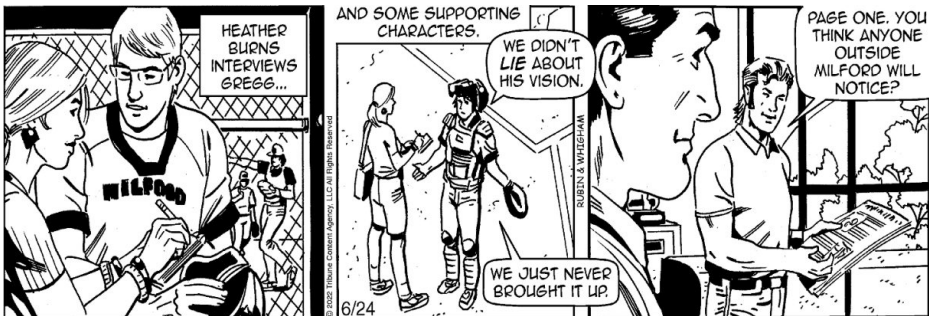
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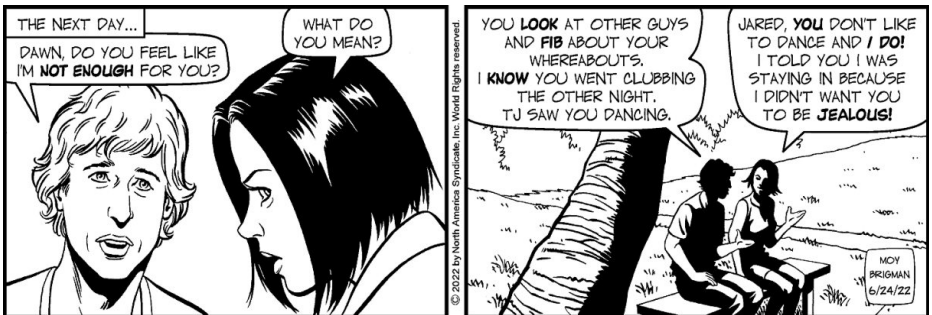
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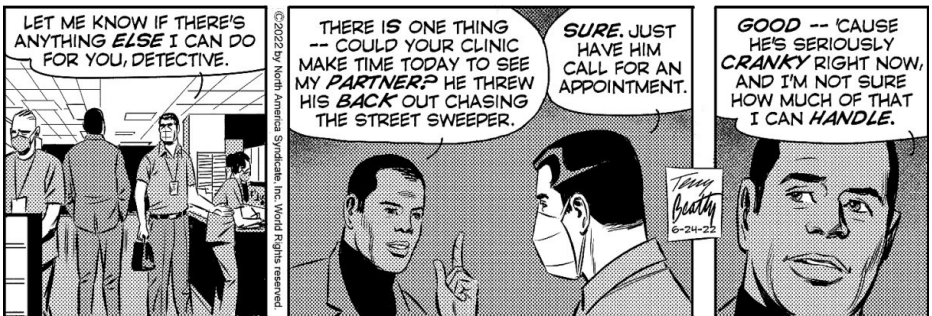
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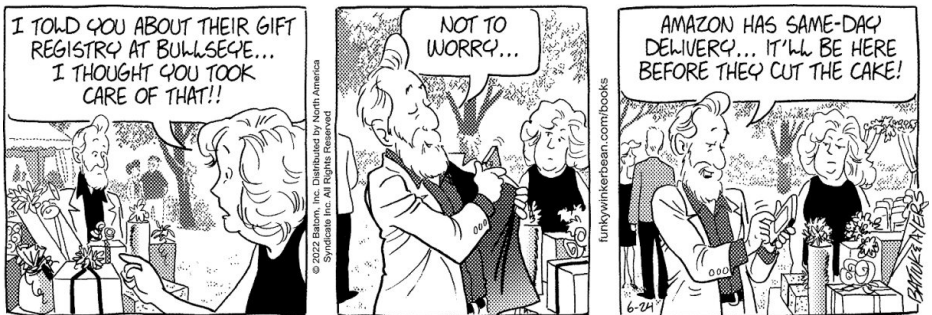
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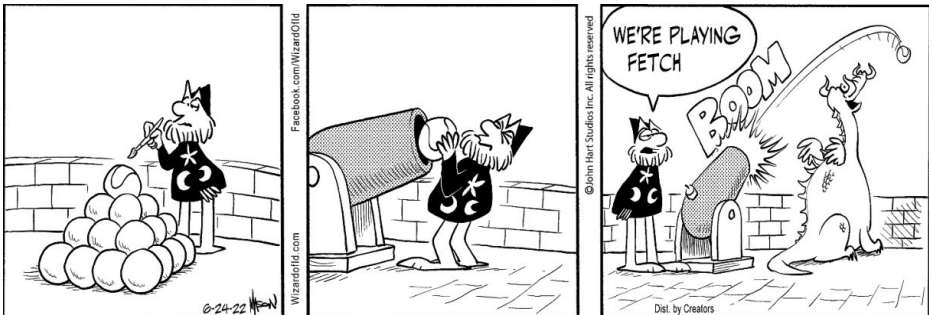
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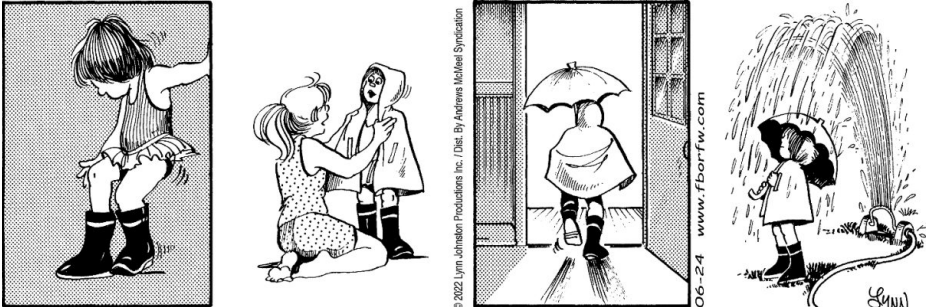
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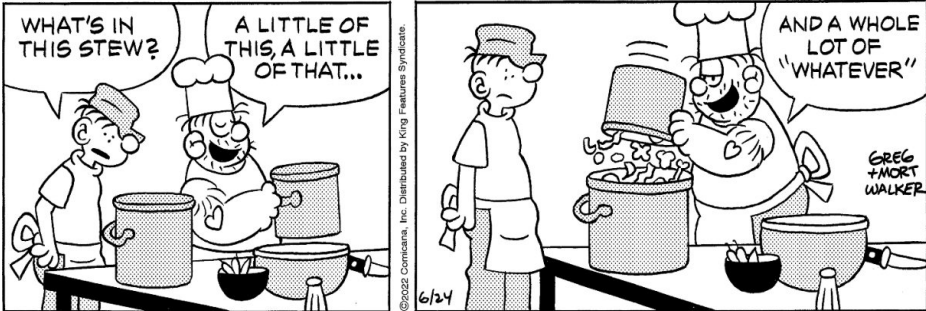
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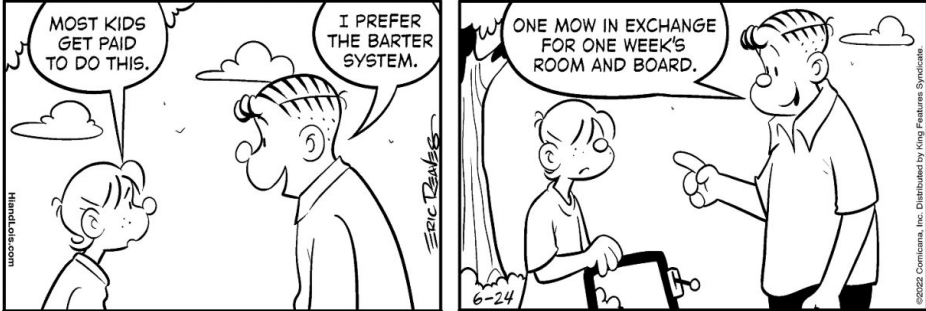
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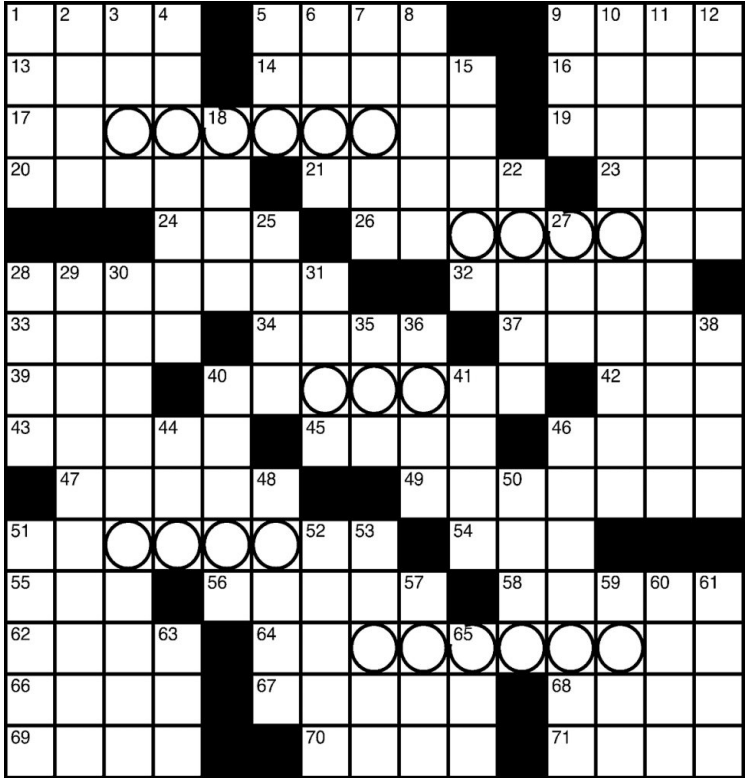
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across
- 1 Taper or fade
- 5 Many
- 9 Charcuterie board selection
- 13 Invocation syllables
- 14 Tropical evergreen
- 16 Chanel scent
- 17 Something heard around Chicago, literally?
- 19 Like AOL software, originally
- 20 EDM instrument
- 21 Bug
- 23 Digital thermometer?
- 24 Acorn producer
- 26 Hurdle before spring break, literally?
- 28 Baby ___
- 32 Inflexible
- 33 One of 28 Monopoly cards
- 34 Dermo-tologist's concern
- 37 Overall material
- 39 Brooding sort
- 40 Passport or Pilot, e.g., literally?
- 42 Scooby-___
- 43 Locked account?
- 45 Snowballs or paintballs
- 46 "Yeah, try again"
- 47 Regional plant life
- 49 Cup holder site
- 51 Frog that carries fertilized eggs on its back, literally?
- 54 NYC member of "The Squad" in Congress
- 55 Frozen over
- 48-Down song with the line "But when I call, you never seem to be home"
- 58 Shake ___
- 62 Snatches
- 64 Reason to buy a sports car, for some, literally?
- 66 Grasp
- 67 Sign into law
- 68 Gas lighting?
- 69 Hot
- 70 Transcript stats
- 71 Lip
- 6 Scott who turns into Ant-Man
- 7 Valence electrons, often
- 8 Have a trying experience?
- 9 Green prefix
- 10 "I'm not even here"
- 11 Squeezeboxes
- 12 Internet hookup
- 15 Mammal that uses kelp as a blanket
- 18 Crust
- 22 Rust
- 25 Fuzzy fruit
- 27 Grow old
- 28 Adult ___
- 29 "Suit yourself!"
- 30 Shark cage?
- 31 Ingenuity org.
- 35 Coquito liquor
- 36 Rating for "Euphoria," briefly
- 38 No longer relevant
- Cab alternative
- 41 First name in the Harlem Renaissance
- 44 Piglet pal
- 46 Tide pool sights
- 48 56-Across singer
- 50 Zen garden growth
- 51 Boneless appetizer
- 52 Hurl
- 53 Yosemite peak free-climbed by Emily Harrington, familiarly
- 57 Black-and-white predator
- 59 Well offshore
- 60 Corp. bean counters
- 61 "Steak House" dressing brand
- 63 Chicago WNBA team
- 65 "___ my pleasure!"



By Rebecca Goldstein

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Test your play

1. Many players think that if declarer were allowed to see all four hands, he would always score the maximum number of tricks possible. However, there are cases where declarer would find such a task very difficult, and here is one of them.

You are South, diamonds are trump, and East leads the jack of hearts. How would you score four of the last five tricks in this position?

North

♠ —

♥ —

♦ 9 5 3

♣ 6 5

West

♠ —

♥ 3

♦ J 10 8

♣ 9

East

♠ —

♥ J 10 9 8 7

♦ ?

♣ —

South

♠ 4

♥ —

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ —

Answer to No. 1: Ruff the heart jack with the four and overruff it with dummy's five. Then trump a club with the six and lead the four of spades.

West's remaining three cards are the J-10-8 of trump. If he ruffs with the eight, you overruff with the nine. If he ruffs with the ten, you discard dummy's last club and again have West over a barrel. Either way, your mission is accomplished.

2. You are South, declarer at Seven Spades, and have no losers in hearts, diamonds or clubs. Your only problem is that you have the K-J-9-8-6-5 of trump facing dummy's A-10-7. When you lead the five of trump to the ace, West produces the deuce and East the three. When you

next lead dummy's ten, East produces the four. Do you play the king or finesse?

Answer to No. 2: In the absence of any clues indicating otherwise, you should play the king. With the opponents holding Q-x-x-x in the suit, East will be dealt x-x in 20.35 deals out of 100 and Q-x-x in 18.65 deals out of 100.

The proper percentage play, therefore, is to go up with the king because it is slightly more likely to be the winning play. This is simply another way of expressing the oft-quoted adage "eight ever, nine never."

However, as noted above, the theoretical advantage of playing to drop the queen rather than finesse is only very slight. Any clue that might indicate that West is somewhat more likely to have been dealt a singleton than a doubleton should induce you to finesse rather than play for the queen to fall.

Tomorrow: A double squeeze.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KAWEA

CHIRB

PINTAC

NSYAWK

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Yesterday's Jumbles: HOLLY DOILY AVIARY CAJOLE
Answer: Many small stores had opened in the community, which created a — "LIVELY-HOOD"

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"O O O O O O - O O" O O O O

(Answers tomorrow)

I thought I just tapped it. Can it be gonna cost a ton, fixed? I'm afraid it's gonna cost a ton, fixed?

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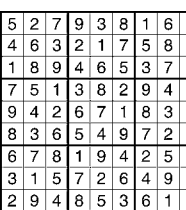
AFTER SEEING THE DAMAGE TO THE CAR, THERE WOULD BE A LOT TO ---

TODAY'S SUDOKU

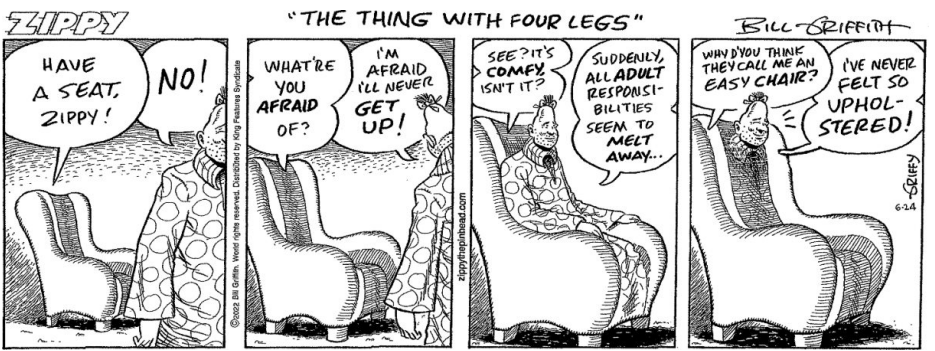
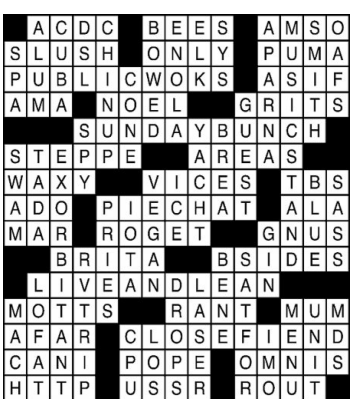


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Hartford Courant

SPORTS

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Billie Jean King weighs in on historic 1972 law

By Melissa Murphy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billie Jean King admired a portrait of Patsy Mink, considered the “Mother of Title IX,” at the U.S. Capitol on the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

“She knew exclusion firsthand and she had the confidence and leadership to challenge and change discrimination through the law,” King said at the portrait unveiling in Statuary Hall in Washington on Thursday.

Title IX, which bans sex discrimination in any education program or activity that receives federal funds, allowed more women into universities and expanded sports participation. There’s still work to do: 1.1 million more boys play sports in high school; women made



up 44% of college athletes in 2021. Donna Lopiano, a Title IX expert in more than 40 court cases and former women’s athletic director at Texas, says “90% of institutions are out of compliance” at the Division I level. Title IX requires equitable scholarships and sports roster spots based on the gender ratio of the student population.

King, a champion of gender

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Billy Jean King, tennis icon and gender equality advocate, speaks Thursday after helping unveil a portrait of the late Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress.

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

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— Billie Jean King, on Patsy Mink

NCAA report shows stark gap in funding for women

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

The number of women competing at the highest level of college athletics continues to rise along with an increasing funding gap between men’s and women’s sports programs, according to an NCAA report examining the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

The report, released Thursday morning and entitled “The State of Women in College Sports,” found 47.1% of participation opportunities were for women across Division I in 2020 compared to 26.4% in 1982.

Yet, amid that growth, men’s programs received more than double that of women’s programs in allocated resources in 2020 — and that gap was even more pronounced when looking at

home of the most profitable revenue-generating sports: the Football Bowl Subdivision, the top tier within Division I that features the Alabamas, Ohio States and Southern Californias of the sports world.

“It tells you schools are investing a huge amount of money in the moneymakers,” NCAA managing director for the office of inclusion and lead report author Amy Wilson told Associated Press, referring to football as the primary revenue-generating sport along with men’s basketball.

“It speaks to the business side of what college sports has become.”

The gender gap in funding approached nearly 3-to-1 ratios

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YANKEES

Bullpen has withstood its major injuries

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — It’s easy to forget with a team sitting at 51-18, on pace to win an MLB-record 119 games, but the Yankees are not even at full strength.

Aroldis Chapman, Jonathan Loaisiga and Chad Green each went down with injuries in May. None of the trio — who came into the season as arguably the most important relievers on the squad — have pitched since May 22. Like with pretty much every other aspect of the team, the Yankees have been fine. In fact, several members of the bullpen have excelled in Chapman, Loaisiga and Green’s absence.

Since May 23, the first day without the big three, the Yankees’ bullpen has a 2.69 collective ERA in 87 innings. This hasn’t been the typical next man up situation, it’s been next man through the roof. The incredible aptitude is a testament not only to the relievers who have retired batter after batter, but also to pitching coach Matt Blake and bullpen czar Mike Harkey.

The unbelievable ascension of Clay Holmes is probably a result of several different factors, both from inside the Yankees’ clubhouse and within Holmes. Whatever has gotten into his Wheaties, he should consider sharing it with the rest of the clubhouse. Holmes has famously allowed only two earned runs all season: one in his first outing of the year, and another in a recent showing on June 20. In the middle, he ran off 31.1 straight scoreless innings with only one extra base hit.

Then Chapman went down and relinquished the closer role to Holmes, it resulted in a situation that many fans and observers had wanted all along. Chapman is still an effective pitcher when he’s on his game, but his mercurial tendencies can create unneeded tension

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TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND



Rory McIlroy tees off on No. 15 at the Travelers Championship on Thursday in Cromwell. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

A sizzling start

McIlroy, Poston claim first-round lead with opening 62s

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — Crowds surrounded the ninth green at TPC River Highlands as the groups that had teed off in the morning of Thursday’s opening round at the Travelers Championship were nearing completion. The quiet was soon to be shattered by a thrilling roar from the nearby seventh green.

That’s where world No. 2 Rory McIlroy was, and he had just sunk a 47-foot putt for birdie in front of the hundreds who had followed him religiously from one shot to the next.

That shot gave McIlroy his seventh of eight birdies on the day, helping him to an 8-under-par 62 and the co-lead with little-known J.T. Poston, the 162nd player in the world.

“Any time you start with a 62, you’re going

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J.T. Poston reacts after finishing his round on the ninth hole during the first round of the Travelers Championship on Thursday in Cromwell.

SETH WENIG/AP

NOTES Little-known journeyman makes opening-round statement

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — By the time J.T. Poston’s group reached the ninth green in the Travelers Championship first round on Thursday, the once very large crowd had significantly cleared. He got there just after 5:30 p.m. on a day that began for some at 6:45 a.m. The field was stacked into the late morning and early afternoon and not many people knew who Poston was, anyway.

Nonetheless, he birdied his final hole of the

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Leaderboard

Out front	
Rory McIlroy	30-32-62
J.T. Poston	33-29-62
Right behind	
Xander Schauffele	32-31-63
Martin Laird	31-32-63

Charles Howell III	31-33-64
Webb Simpson	32-32-64
Patrick Cantlay	33-31-64
Cam Davis	31-34-65
Matthew NeSmith	34-31-65
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Yankees: Astros, Friday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Astros, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Mets: at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; at Marlins, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Marlins, Sunday, noon
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: at Dream, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Sky, Wednesday, noon; Mystics, July 3, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Louisville City, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Colorado Springs, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Detroit City, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

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4 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Rackley Roofing 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
5:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Tennessee Lottery 250, Practice. (Live) USA
6:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Ally 400, Practice. (Live) USA
8 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Rackley Roofing 200. (Live) FS1
10:30 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing Summit Racing Equipment Nationals, Qualifying. (Same-day Tape) FS1
BASEBALL
6:30 p.m.: New York Mets at Miami Marlins. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Guardians. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Houston Astros at New York Yankees. (Live), Amazon Prime Video. Radio: 97.9
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.: WNBA: New York Liberty at Atlanta Dream. (Live) CBSSN
FOOTBALL
5:30 p.m.: West Coast Eagles vs Essendon Bombers. (Live) FSP
8:30 p.m.: Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (Live) ESPN2
11:30 p.m.: Carlton Blues vs Fremantle Dockers. (Live) FSP
5 a.m.: Sydney Swans vs St. Kilda Saints. (Live) FS1
GOLF
6:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf BMW International Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
11 a.m.: KPMG Women's PGA Championship Second Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Travelers Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
10:30 p.m.: U.S. Senior Open Championship Second Round. (Taped) GOLF
HOCKEY
8 p.m.: Stanley Cup Final Tampa Bay Lightning at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) ABC SPRTNET
4 a.m.: Stanley Cup Final Tampa Bay Lightning at Colorado Avalanche. (Same-day Tape) ESPN
LACROSSE
6:30 p.m.: Premier Lacrosse League Redwoods LC vs Whipsnakes LC. (Live) ESPN2
RUGBY
2:30 p.m.: Warrington v Hull FC: Warrington Wolves vs Hull FC. (Live) FSP
3:30 a.m.: IRL Rugby League Cook Islands at Samoa. (Live) FSP
5:30 a.m.: IRL Rugby League Fiji at Papua New Guinea. (Live) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: AUX Softball Team Fischer (Gold) vs. Team Zerkle (Blue). (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: AUX Softball Team O'Toole (Orange) vs. Team Zerkle (Blue). (Live) ESPN
TRACK AND FIELD
10 p.m.: U.S. Outdoor Championships. (Live) CNBC

PATRIOTS 7, YARD GOATS 4

Somerset gets one back

Staff report

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — The Somerset Patriots hit three home runs, including a three-run shot by Josh Breaux to break the game open, and defeated the Hartford Yard Goats, 7-4 on Thursday night in an Eastern League Northeast Division game.

Hartford had won the first two of the six-game series between the division's top two teams, who now are both 42-24. The next three games will decide the first half with the team finishing ahead clinching a postseason spot.

Both teams got on the board early. In the top of the first, Hartford's Daniel Montano led off with a single and came around to score on Ezequiel Tovar's double. In the bottom of the inning Somerset took the lead on a two-run home run by Jeisson Rosario off Yard Goats starter Mitchell Kilkenny, who last four innings allowing two runs on three hits.



Yankees pitcher Ron Marinaccio throws during the eighth inning of a game against the Cubs on June 11 in New York. ADAM HUNGER/AP

Yankees

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in the ninth inning. Holmes, on the other hand, has been as steady as they come, and is clearly in his prime whereas Chapman is aging out of his. Ever since Chapman went down, Holmes has been an absolute warlock. His 12 appearances post-Chapman have led to eight saves, 14 strikeouts and two walks. The 29-year-old righty has more strikeouts in that span than base runners allowed.

While his hiccup on Monday in Tampa led to a blown save (the Yankees have four blown saves in the 28 games since Chapman last pitched), the unlikely group of Aaron Hicks, Jose Trevino and Wandy Peralta picked him up to still deliver a win, naturally. This has been a recurring phenomenon of the Yankees' season. Even when one element of the team is down — think Hicks and Joey

Gallo — the rest of the roster raises its level to mask their teammates' struggles. We've also seen it with Trevino morphing into one of the best hitting catchers in the league (albeit in limited playing time), spelling Kyle Higashioka and his woeful 53 wRC+.

But back to the bullpen. Ron Marinaccio, who has been thrust into a quasi version of Green's long relief role, has been divine. The rookie, one that both he and the organization likely thought would spend 2022 in the minor leagues, is working on his own scoreless streak. Deploying a changeup that big leaguers still haven't figured out, Marinaccio has pitched 12 innings since giving up his last earned run. He still needs to cut down on his walks, which is true of many relievers making their first MLB tour, but a changeup that has produced a .045 batting average and .091 slugging percentage firmly puts Marinaccio in Aaron Boone's trusted pile of relievers for now.

Holmes and Marinaccio's recent dominance has also taken some of the slack off Michael King. The team's bullpen sensation for the first two months of the season hit his first patch of turbulence at the end of May but has recovered nicely since. King is still the best reliever in the league by Wins Above Replacement, but he's already exceeded his career-high for games pitched in a single season. King has let in six earned runs in his last 12.2 innings (4.26 ERA) and issued six walks, two more than he gave up in his first 25.2 frames of the season.

For the second straight season, Lucas Luetge has been the unsung hero of a relief corps filled with much bigger names. Luetge has been dynamite since the Chapman-Loaisiga-Green triumvirate landed on the shelf. While it's only been 8.2 innings, Luetge has held opponents to a .468 OPS and kept anyone from hitting a homer off him.

YANKEES LATE WEDNESDAY

Judge homers twice in comeback win over Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 26th and 27th home runs, Jose Trevino delivered a two-run shot that put New York ahead in the eighth inning and the Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays, 5-4, on Wednesday night.

Judge's 22nd career multi-homer game helped the Yankees come back from a 4-1 deficit after Isaac Paredes hit his fourth home run in two games for the Rays.

Clarke Schmidt (4-2) got the win and Clay Holmes pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th save in 13 attempts. The win was the 18th in 21 games

for the Yankees, who maintained a 12-game lead in the AL East.

Tampa Bay lost for the eighth time in 11 games, and in dropping two of three to the rival Yankees lost a fourth straight series for the first time since August 2017.

Paredes, who homered three times in the Rays' 5-4 win Tuesday night, hit his ninth homer of the season leading off the second against starter Jordan Montgomery. Vidal Brujan added a two-run homer in the same inning to put Tampa Bay up 3-0.

Rays starter Shane Baz pitched 4 ⅔ innings in his sixth major league start, giving up one run and four hits while striking out six. He

struck out Judge with the bases loaded on his final pitch.

The Yankees left the bases loaded in the fifth and sixth while scoring only one run. But Judge, who had homered in the fourth off Baz, led off the seventh with another home run off Colin Poche, cutting the Rays' lead to 4-3.

Trevino's sixth home run came off Ralph Garza Jr. (0-2) after Isiah Kiner-Falefa led off the eighth with a walk, one of eight issued by Rays pitchers over the final five innings.

Montgomery gave up more than three earned runs for the first time in his 14 starts this season. He permitted four runs and nine hits in six innings.

RED SOX

Schreiber's added heat has batters shaking their heads

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

BOSTON — Red Sox reliever John Schreiber had a surprise for his former Tigers teammates Monday. The 28-year-old righthander unleashed a 97-mile-per-hour fastball — the hardest pitch he's thrown in his career — while recording a pivotal out in his team's eventual 5-2 victory.

"A couple of guys said their jaws dropped," Schreiber said. "It's pretty funny."

It's hard to blame the Detroit players. As a Tigers pitcher, Schreiber averaged 90.8 on his four-seam fastball while recording a 6.28 ERA over 28 big league appearances in 2019-20.

He relied chiefly on the deception of an unconventional delivery with a low release point rather than stuff. Over those two years, he threw one pitch over 94 m.p.h. — a mark that now represents his baseline velocity. In February 2021, no one blinked when Detroit designated him for assignment and the Red Sox claimed him off waivers.

Nor did it make any waves when the Red Sox designated Schreiber for assignment at the end of spring training in 2021. No one claimed Schreiber, who passed through waivers and was outrighted off the 40-man roster to Triple A Worcester.

But with the WooSox, and with help from members of the coaching and support staff, Schreiber began a transformation that has now positioned him as a critical late-innings contributor.

"It's been an amazing process," said Red Sox minor league pitching coordinator Shawn Haviland.

When Schreiber landed with the Sox, he almost exclusively used a four-seamer and slider, with his low arm slot creating enough deception on the slider to make it a potentially useful building block.

"He throws unconventionally," said Haviland. "He kind of bends over and then sort of pops over the top a little bit. It definitely is a weird at-bat. Just playing catch with him, you can kind of see the unquantifiable deception that he brings."

But the Sox wanted to pair deception with stuff. Schreiber threw the occasional sinker and changeup with the Tigers but without any great commitment to either pitch. And, of course, he didn't throw hard at all.

So, what happened?

"He's the model for buying in and just working harder," said WooSox pitching coach Paul Abbott. "He was just like a lot of guys who would throw six pitches off of a mound and then just walk away. It was like, 'Is that all we're doing?'"

At the time, Schreiber told Abbott he wanted to keep his arm fresh for games. Abbott suggested that Schreiber focus more on between-outings work to have better stuff when competing.

The two worked to sharpen his slider (Haviland estimated that it has gained 3 inches of break) and to develop both his sinker and changeup — pitches that would allow him to attack both the top and bottom of the strike zone.

Schreiber also took the change of organizations as an opportunity to alter his off-field approach, working with the Sox' strength and conditioning staff.

METS

Dominic Smith details 'shocking' demotion to Triple-A Syracuse

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

Dominic Smith wasn't expecting to be called up to the Mets earlier this week.

Smith spent nearly three weeks with Triple-A Syracuse following his May 31 demotion to the minor leagues. The Mets called him up this past Monday when MLB forced all teams to trim the number of pitchers allowed on the active roster to 13. Seth Lugo went on the paternity list, and Smith rejoined the big-league club.

He started at first base against the Astros on Wednesday and went 1-for-4 in the 5-3 loss, while Pete Alonso batted fourth as the designated hitter.

Smith played in 15 games for Syracuse, slashing .266/.347/.438 with two home runs, 10 RBI, six walks, three stolen bases, and 12 runs scored. Smith didn't exactly treat his demotion to the minors like it was a wake-up call. The Mets first baseman just embraced it like it was another part of his baseball career.

"When it initially happened, you obviously are a little bit disappointed," Smith said on Wednesday. "That's just a part of the game. I felt like I could go down there and just work on my swing and work on myself and play every day. Just have some fun. Continue to compete at a high level and also teach some of the younger guys. It was a good

YANKEES NOTES

Series with Astros should be filled with intensity

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees have done a lot this year, but they haven't played the Astros yet.

Outside of the Red Sox, the games against the Astros are undoubtedly the most heated ones on the Yankees' schedule. With the Yankees returning home in the middle of the night after their last series in Tampa, manager Aaron Boone was asked if seeing the Astros could stimulate the team following their late-night travel.

"One of the cool things about Yankee Stadium, especially this year, we've had that juice," Boone said. "I would certainly expect, coming off a road trip, we'll walk out there tonight and they'll be pretty energized."

The Astros have established themselves as the American League's clear second-best team. In a normal year, their 43-25 record would likely be enough to put them in position for the AL's top seed. But the Yankees have played a brand of baseball that the Bronx hasn't seen since the powerhouse 1998 team won 114 games, going 11-2 in the postseason on their way to a World Series championship.

Schmidt to Scranton: Clarke Schmidt was optioned back to Triple-A on Thursday morning.

Albert Abreu, the former Yankee who re-joined the team after being claimed off waivers from Kansas City on Tuesday, is back on the active roster. Fellow right-handed reliever David McKay was traded to Tampa Bay for cash considerations after being designated for assignment on Tuesday. Boone spoke about the decision making process in demoting Schmidt.

Trevin-yes: In a world where hitting has become optional for most MLB catchers, Jose Trevino has put together a sly All-Star case.

Over his last 25 games, the unheralded backstop is mashing .353/.408/.662. During that span, eight of his 24 hits have gone for extra bases, including six homers and one of just 12 triples by a catcher this year. For the season, Trevino is second among AL catchers in Wins Above Replacement. He trails only Toronto's Alejandro Kirk, who has played in 15 more games.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	51	18	.739	—	—	8-2	W-1	29-7	22-11
Toronto	39	30	.565	12	+1	4-6	W-1	21-14	18-16
Boston	39	31	.557	12 ½	+ ½	8-2	W-4	20-16	19-15
Tampa Bay	37	32	.536	14	1	3-7	L-1	22-15	15-17
Baltimore	31	39	.443	20 ½	7 ½	6-4	W-1	18-17	13-22

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	36	29	.554	—	—	8-2	L-1	16-10	20-19
Minnesota	39	32	.549	—	—	4-6	W-1	21-16	18-16
Chicago	33	34	.493	4	4	6-4	L-1	15-18	18-16
Detroit	26	43	.377	12	12	2-8	L-3	18-22	8-21
Kansas City	25	43	.368	12 ½	12 ½	5-5	L-1	12-21	13-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	43	25	.632	—	—	7-3	W-3	20-11	23-14
Texas	33	35	.485	10	4 ½	6-4	W-2	16-18	17-17
Los Angeles	34	38	.472	11	5 ½	5-5	W-1	18-20	16-18
Seattle	32	39	.451	12 ½	7	5-5	W-3	15-18	17-21
Oakland	23	48	.324	21 ½	16	2-8	L-3	8-28	15-20

BOX SCORES

MIAMI 3, COLORADO 2

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Joe rf	4	0	2	0	1	.272
Daza cf	5	0	0	0	1	.320
Cron dh	4	1	0	0	3	.296
Rodgers 2b	5	1	4	1	0	.255
McMahon 3b	5	0	2	1	1	.248
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0	2	.303
Diaz c	4	0	2	0	0	.223
Montero 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.176
Bouchard lf	4	0	0	0	2	.000
TOTALS	39	2	12	2	12	
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.286
Chisholm Jr. 2b3	0	1	0	2	0	.249
Soler lf	3	0	0	1	0	.218
Asudillo 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Cooper 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.312
1-Williams lf	0	1	0	0	0	.261
Aguilar dh	3	1	2	0	0	.216
Garcia rf	4	0	2	1	1	.230
Rojas ss	4	0	1	1	0	.239
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	0	.294
De La Cruz cf	3	0	2	0	0	.218
TOTALS	31	3	9	3	5	

Colorado	002 000 000	—	2	12	0
Miami	011 000 01x	—	3	9	1

1-ran for Cooper in the 8th.
E: Rojas (4). **LOB:** Colorado 13, Miami 7.
2B: Rodgers 2(15), Montero (1), Chisholm Jr. (9), Aguilar (12), Berti (7).
3B: Diaz (1), Rodgers (2). **SF:** Soler.
RBIs: Rodgers (32), McMahon (37), Rojas (18), Soler (32), Garcia (21).
SB: Chisholm Jr. (12), Berti (2).
Runners left in scoring position: Colorado 7 (McMahon 2, Diaz 2, Bouchard, Daza 2); Miami 4 (Cooper 2, Chisholm Jr. 2).
RISP: Colorado 1for 11; Miami 1for 8.
GIDP: Fortes. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Iglesias, Rodgers, Montero).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Freeland	7	7	2	2	0	5	4.29
Colome, L, 2-2	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.63
MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garrett	4 ⅔	9	2	1	1	7	4.08
Pop	1 ⅔	1	0	0	0	1	6.23
Bass	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.86
Okert, W, 5-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.38
Scott, S, 7-8	1	1	0	0	0	3	4.50

Pitches-Strikes: Freeland 107-69; Colomé 11-8; Garrett 94-68; Pop 11-9; Bass 21-13; Okert 17-10; Scott 23-17.
Batters Faced: Freeland 29; Colomé 5; Garrett 24; Pop 5; Bass 5; Okert 4; Scott 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Pop 2-0.
HBP: Freeland 2 (Chisholm Jr., Aguilar).
Umpires: Home, Brock Ballou; First, Jansen Visconti; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Vic Carapazza.
 T: 3:17. **A:** 11,854(36,742).

LATE WEDNESDAY:

CHI. CUBS 14, PITTSBURGH 5

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega cf	5	2	3	2	0	.270
W.Contreras dh5	0	0	0	0	2	.609
Robertson p	1	0	0	0	1	.269
Norris p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Wisdom 3b	4	2	2	4	2	.277
Higgins 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.221
Happ lf	2	1	1	2	0	.291
Velazquez lf	0	1	0	0	0	.300
Gomes c	5	0	1	0	0	.240
Villar 2b	5	2	2	0	0	.227
Hoerner ss	3	1	1	1	0	.272
Simmons ss	0	1	0	0	0	.188
Heyward rf	3	2	1	0	0	.212
Rivas 1b	4	2	2	5	2	.218
TOTALS	38	14	13	14	7	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cruz ss	5	1	0	1	0	.214
Reynolds cf	3	0	2	0	1	.259
Suwinski lf	2	0	0	0	2	.224
Mitchell rf	5	0	1	3	1	.385
Vogelbach dh-1b4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Mitchell rf	4	0	0	0	3	.192
Perez c	4	2	1	0	1	.127
Chang 1b-2b	2	1	0	0	0	.147
Park 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.194
TOTALS	35	5	5	5	11	

Chi. Cubs	070 210 004	—	14	13	3
Pittsburgh	010 000 001	—	5	5	0

E: Villar (7), Higgins 2(2). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Villar (6), Ortega (9), Madris (2). **3B:** Villar (2), Reynolds (13), Refsnyder (1), off Eickhoff; Wisdom (14), off Eickhoff; Rivas (3), off Castillo; Castillo (5), off Thompson. **RBIs:** Rivas 5(18), Ortega 2(11), Wisdom 4(36), Happ 2(34), Hoerner (18), Castillo (16), Cruz (6), Madris (3(6). **SF:** Hoerner.
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 2 (W.Contreras, Gomes); Pittsburgh 4 (Suwinski, Mitchell 2, Vogelbach). **RISP:** Chicago 4 for 9; Pittsburgh 1 for 10.
Runners moved up: Villar. **GIDP:** Villar. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1 (Cruz, Chang).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thompson, W, 7-2	6	4	1	1	1	7	3.10
Givens	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.05
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.75
Norris	1	1	4	1	2	7	2.74

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eickhoff, L, 0-1	4 ⅔	10	10	10	1	4	20.77
De Jong	3 ⅔	1	0	0	1	2	1.67
Castillo	1	2	4	4	2	1	36.00

Inherited runners-scored: De Jong 2-0.
HBP: Eickhoff 3 (Happ, Heyward, Rivas), Givens (Chang), Castillo (Heyward), Norris (Park). **Umpires:** Home, Mala-chi Moore; First, Cory Blaser; Second, Mark Ripberger; Third, Lewis Williams III. T: 3:07. **A:** 14,083(38,747).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

JUNE 24
1936: Rookie Joe DiMaggio hit two homers in the fifth inning and added two doubles in the New York Yankees' 18-4 victory over the St. Louis Browns.
1950: Wes Westrum of the New York Giants hit three home runs and a triple in a 12-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.
1955: Harmon Killebrew hit his first major league homer, off Billy Hoelt at Griffith Stadium, but the Detroit Tigers beat the Washington Senators 18-7.
1962: Jack Reed, a substitute outfielder, hit a homer off Phil Regan in the 22nd inning to give the New York Yankees a 9-7 win over the Detroit Tigers in a game that lasted 7 hours, 22 minutes. It was the only homer Reed hit in the majors.
1968: Jim Northrup tied a major league record by hitting two grand slams in one game as the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 14-3.
1983: Don Sutton of the Milwaukee Brewers became the eighth pitcher in major league history to strike out 3,000 batters. Sutton's 3,000th victim was Cleveland's Alan Bannister in a 3-2 win over the Indians.

PITTSBURGH 8, CHI. CUBS 7 (10)

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf-2b	5	1	2	0	1	.266
W.Contreras c	4	0	0	1	2	.264
Happ lf	5	1	1	1	2	.289
Wisdom 3b	5	1	2	1	3	.231
Gomes dh	5	0	0	0	1	.229
Villar 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.222
Simmons 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.188
d-Heyward rf	1	0	0	0	0	.211
Hoerner ss	5	2	3	2	0	.280
Velazquez rf	2	1	1	0	0	.333
a-Ortega rf-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Higgins 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.275
b-Rivas ph-1b	1	0	1	2	0	.225
TOTALS	39	7	11	7	11	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hayes 3b	5	3	1	2	0	.264
Reynolds cf	4	1	1	1	0	.259
Castillo 2b	5	0	1	0	4	.193
Chavis 1b	5	1	2	1	1	.255
Suwinski lf	4	0	0	0	1	.219
Chang dh	3	1	1	0	1	.162
c-Vogelbach dh1	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Cruz ss	4	1	1	1	2	.222
Heineman c	4	0	2	1	0	.164
Madris rf	4	1	0	0	1	.294
TOTALS	39	8	9	7	11	

One out when winning run scored.
a-walked for Velazquez in the 8th.
b-singled for Higgins in the 8th.
c-struck out for Chang in the 8th.
d-pinch hit for Simmons in the 10th.
E: Villar (8), Wisdom (2), Morel (3), Hoerner (5). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 5. **2B:** Velazquez (1), Hoerner (6), Cruz (2).
HR: Reynolds (12), off Steele; Hayes (3), off Steele; Chavis (7), off Robertson.
RBIs: W.Contreras (28), Happ (35), Wisdom (37), Hoerner (220), Rivas 2 (20), Reynolds (23), Hayes 2(24), Cruz (7), Heineman (3), Chavis (2(4), Sb: Rivas (2). **CS:** Morel (3).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 5 (Wisdom, Higgins, Morel 2, W.Contreras); Pittsburgh 2 (Castillo, Madris). **RISP:** Chicago 5for 18; Pittsburgh 2for 5. **Runners moved up:** Higgins, Velazquez, Gomes.
GIDP: Villar, Reynolds. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Hoerner, Villar, Higgins); Pittsburgh 1 (Hayes, Castillo, Chavis).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	5 ⅔	7	6	5	0	8	4.59
Wick	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.45
Martin	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.55
Robertson, BS, 8-11	1	1	1	0	1	2	2.03
Effross, L, 1-3	⅔	1	1	0	1	1	2.97
PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Quintana	6	6	2	2	1	6	3.60
Crowe	⅔	3	4	4	2	2	3.35
De Los Sts, BS, 0-1 ½	2	1	1	1	1	1	3.00
Bednar	1	0	0	0	2	1	3.30
Stratton, W, 4-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.53

Inherited runners-scored: Wick 1-0, De Los Santos 3-3, Stratton 1-0. **IBB:** off Effross (Reynolds). **Umpires:** Home, Cory Blaser; First, Mark Ripberger; Second, Lewis Williams III; Third, Mala-chi Moore. T: 3:27. **A:** 14,529(38,747).

LATE WEDNESDAY:

BOSTON 6, DETROIT 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Reyes rf	4	0	0	0	1	.290
Greene cf	4	1	1	0	0	.375
Baez ss	3	1	2	2	0	.216
Cabrera dh	4	0	1	0	2	.299
H.Castro 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.273
Grossman lf	3	0	0	0	2	.206
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.191
Schoop 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.198
Barnhart c	3	0	0	0	1	.221
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	8	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	4	1	1	2	1	.297
Refsnyder rf	4	2	2	2	0	.407
Martinez dh	3	1	0	0	0	.326
Bogaerts ss	3	0	1	0	1	.335
Verdugo lf	4	0	1	2	1	.247
Story 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.223
Vazquez c	4	1	2	0	1	.278
Dalbec 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.207
Downs 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.000
TOTALS	33	6	9	6	10	

Detroit	200 000 000	—	2	5	1
Boston	004 020 00x	—	6	9	0

E: Baez (9). **LOB:** Detroit 6, Boston 6. **2B:** Schoop (12), Vazquez (13), Duran (3), Refsnyder (3). **HR:** Baez (6), off Wach; Refsnyder (1), off Skubal.
RBIs: Baez 2(21), Duran 2(2), Refsnyder 2(5), Verdugo 2(35). **SB:** Story (9).
Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 2 (Torkelson, Barnhart); Boston 1 (Downs).
RISP: Detroit 0for 4; Boston 3for 8.
Runners moved up: Bogaerts.
GIDP: Refsnyder.
DP: Detroit 1 (Baez, Schoop, Torkelson).

DP: Detroit 1(Baez, Schoop, Torkelson).							
DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal, L, 5-5	4⅔	6	6	6	3	5	3.63
Jimenez	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	3.71
Peralta	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.91
Felton	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.24

SPORTS

NBA

Nets played with fire — now, they’re about to get burned

By Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Just like the Daily News reported back on May 25, the Nets have been playing with fire. And now, almost a month later, they’re about to get burned.

We already know the Nets have been unwilling to give Kyrie Irving a long-term contract extension after he played a grand total of just 103 regular-season games in his first three seasons in Brooklyn, and after his decision not to get vaccinated against COVID-19 ruined the Nets’ championship hopes last season.

We also already know Kevin Durant’s future is intrinsically tied to the decision Irving and the Nets make. If Irving and the Nets cannot come to an agreement that keeps the superstar guard in Brooklyn, Durant, who signed a four-year, \$198M extension last summer, is likely to request a trade from the franchise that failed to keep his co-star in town.

Now, according to ESPN, we know where Irving wants to be traded in the event he and the Nets cannot come to terms: to any one of the Lakers, Clippers, Knicks, Heat, Mavs or 76ers. None of those teams

have the cap space to sign Irving should he decline his player option by his June 29 deadline and test free agency. And only two of those teams (the Lakers and Heat) have a star-caliber player (Russell Westbrook and Kyle Lowry) the Nets could pair alongside Durant.

Which means we’ve reached the danger zone: The Nets traded away the rights to all their picks through 2027, and Ben Simmons is coming off back surgery and hasn’t played basketball in an entire calendar year. If the Nets can’t come to an agreement with Irving and Durant requests a trade, it’s back to the 20-

and 28-win seasons from which Brooklyn emerged. It’s back to ping-pong ball chasing in the lottery with picks that don’t belong to them. It’s back to irrelevance. It’s back to developing late-first round and second-round draft picks. It’s back to the jokes about having no fans, because season-ticket holders are already threatening to boycott Nets games because of a spike in ticket prices for a franchise that very well may not have the stars it has peddled.

Or, the Nets could snap out of it. They could snap out of this ego trip they have and give Irving the deal he wants. They could give him a four-

year max deal, or a three-year deal with a games-played incentive that triggers guaranteed money in years four and five. In May, a source who requested anonymity because of the nature of the negotiations told The News the Nets wanted Irving to opt into the final year of his contract worth \$36.5M in order to “prove” he deserves a long-term deal. For a star player with a very real injury history, a one-year deal is a non-starter. It is unclear if the Nets have budged on the one-year stance and have offered more years, but it’s fair to assume the contract length is the sticking point of the discussions.



Xander Schauffele looks on from the eighth green during the first round of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands on Thursday in Cromwell. **SETH WENIG/AP**

Travelers

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to take it. I feel like the start I got off to was sort of slow in a way. I birdied the two holes on the back nine that you should, 13 and 15, and then made a nice one on 18 to turn in 3-under par,” McIlroy, who started from No. 10, said. “Then once I got going on the front side there, that’s when I started to really feel it and started to hole some putts and hit some quality shots.”

Poston also started his round on the 10th hole and recorded six birdies on the back nine to post a 29, creating a buzz that stirred memories of Jim Furyk’s record-setting 58 shot in the final round here in 2016. But by the time he got around to the front nine the wind began to pick up and the 29-year-old from Georgia cooled some, but still finished strong with birdies on two of the final three holes to tie McIlroy. He closed his round by draining a 16-footer for birdie on No. 9.

Xander Schauffele, the No. 15-ranked player in the world, was in a tie for third with Martin Laird at 7-under 63. World No. 6 Patrick Cantlay finished at 6-under and was tied with Webb Simpson and Charles Howell III, two shots off the lead.

“It’s what you expect. If it’s not too windy and the greens are soft with that rain from last night, you expect a few guys to shoot [low scores],” Schauffele said. “We’ve been out here and we’ve played courses that are twice as long as this one and guys are shooting 30-under for the week. For some reason, I don’t know if it’s me, but I just feel like I expect everyone to shoot super low.”

The 6,852-yard, par 70 TPC River Highlands is known to drain exceptionally well but after rain soaked the course on Wednesday it became clear early that the course was in perfect condition with soft greens leading to some low scores.

“The greens are kind of perfect right now,” Laird said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s an 8-iron or sand wedge; they’re just hitting and stopping within a couple yards, and that makes a lot of the pins accessible that maybe sometimes around here when the greens get firm are not.”

Last year’s champion, Harris English, ended Thursday 4-under, while 2019 champion Chez Reavie tied for 16th at 3-under par. World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler was tied with Tony Finau, among others, at 2-under.



Patrick Cantlay tees off on No. 1 at the Travelers Championship on Thursday in Cromwell. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

All in contention going into Friday’s second round.

Simpson, who competed in the morning group, said, “This is a golf course where if the wind lays down a little, scores will be low.”

He was right. And the flip side, unfortunately for the afternoon groups which played as the wind picked up, meant the scores would be higher.

Poston’s caddie, Aaron Flener, picked grass from outside the tee area and tossed it into the air, reading the wind to combat it as much as possible. As other members of Poston’s group struggled, he was able to land on the fairway consistently and capitalize

with his irons.

“I gave myself a lot of really good looks [with the irons],” Poston said. “I putted really well, too. I made a lot of putts that were in that 10-feet-and-in range when I gave myself that look. It just kind of all came together.”

On Friday, the tee times will flip – Thursday’s morning group will tee in the afternoon and vice versa.

“I think it’s easy to get caught up, myself at least, in the score that I’m shooting today, wanting to shoot 3-, 4-under every day,” Poston said. “Just trying to get it that mentality where I don’t force it too much, especially early on in the week and kind of let it come to me a little bit.”

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day to finish Round One at 8-under-par 62, tied for the lead with world No. 2 Rory McIlroy.

Entering Travelers, Poston was ranked No. 162 in the world. The 29-year-old was born in Hickory, North Carolina, now lives in Georgia and attended Western Carolina University, where he won two consecutive Southern Conference titles.

From a distance, he appears just like any normal guy.

While he played the sixth hole on Thursday, as he was climbing up the leaderboard with a 6-under 29 start on his first nine hole, he found himself outside the ropes. After he played his fairway shot with an iron, the first-round leader casually stood among the fans. None of them asked for an autograph or repeatedly called his name, he just stood there like everyone else, calmly watching the rest of his group take their shots.

In 153 PGA starts since debuting in 2016, Poston has finished in the top 10 12 times with his only victory coming in the 2019 Wyndham Championship. There he shot an 8-under 62 in the final round – just as he did at TPC River Highlands Thursday. In four appearances in Cromwell, Poston’s never made the cut.

“Historically I haven’t played great here,” he said. “But it’s one of those tracks ever since I saw it my rookie year for the first time, I loved the way it looks, I love the way it sets up. I think it’s similar to a lot of courses that I’ve played well on – I just haven’t done it yet.”

Poston noted his need to stay focused, to not get caught up in his hot start – which included six birdies on the back nine – and remember that the championship is a 72-hole competition. Still though, his first round will be one to remember given the fact that his 6-under 29 on the front nine tied for the second-best in Travelers history.

Returning favor

Thirty-six years ago, Charles Howell III saw his next-door neighbor, Graham Hill, playing “Wiffle Ball golf” in his backyard, according to Sports Illustrated, introducing him to the game as a 7-year-old. Now 43, Howell III is returning the favor to

the game in teaching it to his elementary school-aged son, Chase.

Howell III turned pro at TPC River Highlands during the Canon Greater Hartford Open in 2000. He returned to play in Cromwell four times sporadically since – most recently in 2010.

“I haven’t played as much the last couple years as I used to. That’s a function of being 43 years old and a family and kids and a son I’m chasing around the golf course and caddying for,” he said.

“(Playing with Chase has) actually given me a lot more incentive and a bit of a second wind, if you will, because we’re playing and practicing all day, and I’m practicing when he’s in school. When he gets out, we’re back out at the golf course until dark. I want them to see what I do and what I have done, and hey, he takes this game really seriously, as well.”

Howell, known as one of the most consistent players on tour with 98 top-10 finishes in his career, shot 6-under 64 and was in a three-way tie for fifth.

Crowds are back

The Travelers Championship crowds have returned in big numbers for 2022 after fans weren’t allowed in 2020 and capacity was restricted to just 10,000 in 2021. In 2019, the last “normal” year before the pandemic, the event drew in more than 200,000 over the four days.

“This has always been one of the best stops on tour for just fan involvement. Obviously, the group I was playing (in) today, a lot of (fans) came out to watch Rory play. We had a great group and some great noise out there,” Webb Simpson, who finished 6-under, said.

In front of the home crowd

University of Virginia orange T-shirts with “Official Member of the Ben James Fan Club” printed on the front made their appearance on Thursday as the 19-year-old Milford native and Virginia commit took to TPC River Highlands in his first PGA event. James, the American Junior Golf Association’s top-ranked player, shot 2-over 72. Fairfield-born JJ Henry finished even, while West Hartford native Adam D’Amario shot 9 over.

TRAVELERS PAIRINGS, TEE TIMES

Second round
Pairings and starting times for Friday’s second round of the 2022 Travelers Championship:
6:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Russell Knox, Doc Redman, Hayden Buckley
Tee 10: Wyndham Clark, Aaron Rai, Adam Svensson
6:55 a.m.
Tee 1: Austin Cook, Maverick McNealy, David Lipsky
Tee 10: Kiradech Aphiwanrat, Hank Lebioda, Taylor Moore
7:05 a.m.
Tee 1: Tyler Duncan, Aaron Wise, Matthias Schwab
Tee 10: Andrew Putnam, Brendan Steele, Lee Hodges
7:15 a.m.
Tee 1: Ryan Brehm, Robert Streb, Luke Donald
Tee 10: J.J. Spaun, Dylan Frittelli, Kevin Tway
7:25 a.m.
Tee 1: K.H. Lee, Sepp Straka, Patton Kizzire
Tee 10: Patrick Cantlay, Harris English, Marc Leishman
7:35 a.m.
Tee 1: Cameron Champ, J.T. Poston, Matthew Wolff
Tee 10: Sam Burns, Joel Dahmen, Keegan Bradley
7:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Garrick Higgo, Carlos Ortiz, Ryan Palmer
Tee 10: Jordan Spieth, Scottie Scheffler, Zach Johnson
7:55 a.m.
Tee 1: Seamus Power, Rickie Fowler, Adam Long
Tee 10: Joaquin Niemann, Keith Mitchell, Kramer Hickok
8:05 a.m.
Tee 1: Peter Malnati, Nick Watney, Denny McCarthy
Tee 10: Troy Merritt, Jhonattan Vegas, Scott Stallings
8:15 a.m.
Tee 1: Mackenzie Hughes, Kevin Streelman, Brandon Hagy
Tee 10: Matt Wallace, Harry Higgs, Vince Whaley
8:25 a.m.
Tee 1: Joseph Bramlett, David Skinnis, Jared Wolfe

Tee 10: Adam Schenk, Alex Smalley, Christopher Gotterup
8:35 a.m.
Tee 1: Michael Gligic, Joshua Creel, Ben Silverman
Tee 10: Ben Kohles, Nick Hardy, Callum Tarren
8:45 a.m.
Tee 1: Curtis Thompson, Brett Drewitt, Adam D’Amario
Tee 10: Seth Reeves, Justin Lower, Benjamin James
Noon
Tee 1: Brian Harman, Jonas Blixt, Danny Lee
Tee 10: Henrik Norlander, Roger Sloan, Stephen Jaeger
12:10 p.m.
Tee 1: Davis Riley, Sahith Theegala, Max McGreevy
Tee 10: Kelly Kraft, Sam Ryder, Christian Bezuidenhout
12:20 p.m.
Tee 1: Doug Ghim, Scott Gutschewski, Brandon Wu
Tee 10: Scott Piercy, J.J. Henry, Chesson Hadley
12:30 p.m.
Tee 1: Stewart Cink, Charles Howell III, Jason Day
Tee 10: Cam Davis, Mark Hubbard, Brandt Snedeker
12:40 p.m.
Tee 1: Luke List, Sungjae Im, Tony Finau
Tee 10: Lucas Glover, Si Woo Kim, Nate Lashley
12:50 p.m.
Tee 1: Satoshi Kodaira, Xander Schauffele, Tom Hoge
Tee 10: C.T. Pan, Martin Trainer, Danny Willett
1 p.m.
Tee 1: Rory McIlroy, Kevin Kisner, Webb Simpson
Tee 10: Andrew Landry, Brendon Todd, Lanto Griffin
1:10 p.m.
Tee 1: Chad Riney, Chez Reavie, Sung Kang
Tee 10: Martin Laird, Richy Werenski, Charley Hoffman
1:20 p.m.
Tee 1: Harold Varner III, Matthew NeSmith, Mito Pereira
Tee 10: Jason Kokrak, Jim Herman, William McGirt
1:30 p.m.
Tee 1: Bill Haas, Morgan Hoffman, Trey Mullinax

GOLF ROUNDUP

Haas beats his age, shares the lead at US Senior Open

Associated Press

Jay Haas has been shooting his age or better for the last three years, just never on a stage quite like Thursday in the U.S. Senior Open at Bethlehem, Pa.

Haas steadied himself from an up-and-down start at soggy Saucon Valley and played much younger than his 68 years down the stretch, posting a 4-under 67 to share the lead with Mark Hensby

after the opening round.

Haas became the fifth player in U.S. Senior Open history to shoot his age, joining Tom Watson, Hale Irwin, Harold McSpaden and Jerry Barber, who did it nine times. Barber was the oldest first-time winner of a major in the 1961 PGA Championship.

“That’s a pretty good score to break (your age) on a course like this,” said Haas, who had shot his age six previous times on the PGA

Tour Champions, but never in a major.

Big lead for Chun to start: At Bethesda, Md., In Gee Chun breezed to an 8-under 64 on Thursday to jump out to a big early lead in the first round of the Women’s PGA Championship.

While most of the field slogged through the day on the wet Blue Course at Congressional, Chun birdied seven of eight holes

during one stretch. She was seven shots better than anyone else who started in the morning, making her a threat to break the record for the largest 18-hole lead in a woman’s major — set by Mickey Wright, who led this tournament by five shots after 18 in 1961.

“I don’t know what golf course In Gee is playing,” defending champion Nelly Korda said after finishing her round of 71.

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 1
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
G1: June 15: Colorado, 4-3 (OT)
G2: June 18: Colorado 7-0.
G3: June 20: Tampa Bay 6-2.
G4: June 22: Colorado 3-2 (OT)
G5: Friday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
x-G6: Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G7: June 28: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

LATE WEDNESDAY/GAME 4:
COLORADO 3, TAMPA BAY 2 (OT)

Colorado	0	1	1	1	—	3
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	—	2

First Period: 1, Tampa Bay, Cirelli 3 (Cernak), 0:36
Penalty: Helm, COL (Interference), 16:57.

Second Period: 2, Colorado, MacKinnon 12 (Makar, Rantanen), 5:17 (pp); 3, Tampa Bay, Hedman 3 (Rutta), 10:42
Penalties: Hedman, TB (Interference), 3:57; Byram, COL (Hooking), 6:12; Stamkos, TB (Hooking), 11:48.

Third Period: 4, Colorado, Cogliano 3 (Helm, Sturm), 2:53
Penalties: None.

Overtime: 5, Colorado, Kadri 7 (Kuemper, Lehtonen), 12:02
Penalties: None

Shots on Goal: Colorado 4-17-6-11—38; Tampa Bay 17-9-10-3—39
Power-play opportunities: Colorado 1 of 2; Tampa Bay 0 of 2

Goals: Colorado, Kuemper 9-3-0 (39 shots-37 saves); Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 13-8-0 (38-35)
A: 19,092 (19,092). T: 3:09
Referees: Wes McCauley, Kelly Sutherland
Linesmen: Steve Barton, Brad Kovachik

NHL PLAYOFF OVERTIME GOALS

May-3: NYR Malkin, Evgeni, Pit 4-3 vs. NYR, OT3, 45:58
May-5: COL Makar, Cale, Col 2-1 vs. Nas, OT1, 8:31
May-9: WSH Verhaeghe, Carter, Fla 3-2 vs. Was, OT1, 4:57
May-10: EDM, Kempe, Adrian, LA 5-4 vs. Edm, OT1, 1:12
May-12: TBL, Point, Brayden, TB 4-3 vs. Tor, OT1, 18:04
May-13: Was, Verhaeghe, Carter, Fla 4-3 vs. Was, OT1, 2:46
May-15: CGY, Gaudreau, Johnny, Cgy 3-2 vs. Dal, OT1, 15:09
May-15: NYR, Panarin, Artemi, NYR 4-3 vs. Pit, OT1, 4:46
May-17: Col, Manson, Josh, Col 3-2 vs. STL, OT1, 8:02
May-18: Car, Cole, Ian, Car 2-1 vs. NYR, OT1, 3:12
May-25: Col, Bozak, Tyler, STL 5-4, vs. Col, OT1, 3:38
May-26: Cgy, McDavid, Connor, Edm 5-4 vs. Cgy, OT1, 5:03
June-6: Edm, Lehtonen, Artturi, Col 6-5 vs. Edm, OT1, 1:19
June-15: Col Burakovsky, Andre, Col 4-3 vs. TBL, OT1, 1:23
June 22: TBL Kadri, Nazem, Col 3-2 vs. TBL, OT1, 12:02.

SERIES STATISTICS

Avalanche lead series 3-1.									
COLORADO	G	A	P	PT	+/-	PIM	S		
Mikko Rantanen	0	8	8	0	2	11			
Cale Makar	2	3	5	-3	0	14			
Valeri Nichushkin	3	1	4	0	4	16			
Gabriel Landeskog	3	1	4	0	0	10			
Andre Burakovsky	2	1	3	2	0	5			
Andrew Cogliano	1	2	3	3	16	4			
Nathan MacKinnon	1	2	3	-2	0	22			
Artturi Lehtonen	1	1	2	-5	4	7			
Darren Helm	1	1	2	-1	6	7			
Alex Newhook	0	2	2	-1	2	2			
Nazem Kadri	1	0	1	0	0	2			
Josh Manson	1	0	1	4	4	10			
J.T. Compher	0	1	1	1	4	10			
Logan O'Connor	0	1	1	0	7	6			
Bowen Byram	0	1	1	2	2	7			
Nico Sturm	0	1	1	2	2	1			
Devon Toews	0	1	1	-3	2	7			
Jack Johnson	0	0	0	1	10	1			
Nicolas Aube-Kubelo	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Erik Johnson	0	0	0	-1	0	2			
Team	16	27	43	-1	65	144			

GOALTENDER	RECGA	SVSV%	ATOI
Darcy Kuemper3-1-0	10	90	.900
Pavel Francouz0-9-0	10	909	26:56
Team	3-0-1	11	100

TAMPA BAY	G	A	P	PT	+/-	PIM	S
Player	G	APTS	+	-	PIM	S	
Victor Hedman	1	3	4	0	2	15	
Anthony Cirelli	2	1	3	0	6	10	
Ondrej Palat	2	1	3	-1	4	8	
Nikita Kucherov	0	3	3	1	0	9	
Nick Paul	2	0	2	0	0	8	
Pat Maroon	1	1	2	1	16	4	
Steven Stamkos	1	2	1	6	10		
Corey Perry	1	0	1	-1	6	9	
Mikhail Sergachev	1	0	1	0	6	7	
Brandon Hagel	0	1	1	0	0	3	
Ryan McDonagh	0	1	1	-2	4	2	
Ross Colton	0	1	1	-1	7	3	
Erik Cernak	0	1	1	2	4	5	
Brayden Point	0	1	1	-1	0	1	
Jan Rutta	0	1	1	1	0	3	
Zach Bogosian	0	1	1	0	0	3	
Alex Killorn	0	0	1	1	6	1	
PE Bellemare	0	0	0	-1	0	1	
Riley Nash	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Team	11	17	28	0	65	111	

GOALTENDER	REC	GA	SV	SV%	ATOI
Andrej Vasilevsky	1-3	16	128	.889	65:17

SERIES SUMMARY

Game 1: A 17,778 (18,007). T:2:51

Tampa Bay	1	2	0	0	—	3
Colorado	3	0	0	1	—	4

Game 2: A 17,849 (18,007). T:2:35

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	—	0
Colorado	3	2	2	—	7

Game 3: A 19,092 (19,092). T:2:53

Colorado	1	1	0	—	0
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	—	6

Game 4: A 19,092 (19,092). T:3:09

Colorado	0	1	1	1	—	3
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	—	2

FOUR-GAME COMPOSITE						
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	0	—	11
Colorado	7	4	3	2	—	16

through Finals Game 4
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AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS	RR	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	582	—	8	
2	Ford	541	-41	4	
3	Toyota	540	-42	4	

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS	DRIVER	W	TS	T10	PTS
1	Chase Elliott	1	3	10	536
2	Ross Chastain	2	7	10	520
3	Kyle Busch	1	6	11	513
4	Ryan Blaney	0	5	8	511
5	Joey Logano	2	5	7	506
6	Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	7	481
7	Kyle Larson	1	6	8	476
8	William Byron	2	4	5	466
9	Alex Bowman	1	3	9	460
10	Christopher Bell	0	4	9	444
11	Aric Almirola	0	2	5	423
12	Kevin Harvick	0	4	8	416
13	Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	381
14	Tyler Reddick	0	0	1	6
15	Austin Dillon	0	3	6	376
16	Erik Jones	0	1	5	368
17	Daniel Suarez	1	3	5	366
18	Austin Cindric	1	2	3	362
19	Kurt Busch	1	4	6	355
20	Michael McDowell	0	1	6	330
21	Denny Hamlin	2	3	3	325
22	Chris Buescher	0	1	4	318
23	Justin Haley	0	1	1	310
24	Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	5	288
25	Bubba Wallace	0	0	2	284
26	Ty Dillon	0	1	1	270

NBA

DRAFT SELECTIONS

Thursday's results at Barclays Center (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
FIRST ROUND
1. OrL: Paolo Banchero, F, Duke
2. OKC: Chet Holmgren, C, Gonzaga
3. Hou: Jabari Smith, F, Auburn
4. Sac: Keegan Murray, F, Iowa
5. Det: Jaden Ivey, G, Purdue
6. Ind: Benedict Mathurin, F, Arizona
7. Por: Shaedon Sharpe, G, Kentucky
8. NO: Dyson Daniels, G, Australia
9. SA: Jeremy Sochan, F, Baylor
10. Was: Johnny Davis, G, Wisconsin
11. NY: Ousmane Dieng, F, New Zealand
12. Oklahoma City
13. Charlotte
14. Cleveland
15. Charlotte
16. Atlanta
17. Houston
18. Chicago
19. Minnesota
20. San Antonio
21. Denver
22. Memphis
23. Philadelphia
24. Milwaukee
25. San Antonio
26. Dallas
27. Miami
28. Golden State
29. Memphis
30. Oklahoma City

SECOND ROUND

31. Indiana
32. Orlando
33. Toronto
34. Oklahoma City
35. L.A. Lakers
36. Portland
37. Sacramento
38. San Antonio
39. Cleveland
40. Minnesota
41. New Orleans
42. New York
43. LA Clippers
44. Atlanta
45. Charlotte
46. Detroit
47. Memphis
48. Minnesota
49. Cleveland
50. Minnesota
51. Golden State
52. New Orleans
53. Boston
54. Washington
55. Golden State
56. Cleveland
57. Portland
58. Indiana

RECENT #1 OVERALL PICKS

YEARTM	PLAYER, P	SCHOOL
2021	Det Cade Cunningham, G, Ok St	
2020	Min Anthony Edwards, G, Georgia	
2019	NO Zion Williamson, F, Duke	
2018	Phx Deandre Ayton, C, Arizona	
2017	Phi Ben Simmons, F/G, LSU	
2016	Pi Markelle Fultz, G, Washington	
2015	Min Karl-Anthony Towns, C, Ky	
2014	Cle Andrew Wiggins, F/G, Kansas	
2013	Cle Anthony Bennett, F, UNLV	
2012	NO Anthony Davis, F/C, Kentucky	
2011	Cle Kyrie Irving, G, Duke	
2010	Was John Wall, G, Kentucky	
2009	LA Blake Griffin, F, Oklahoma	
2008	Chi Derrick Rose, G, Memphis	
2007	Por Greg Oden, C, Ohio State	
2006	Tor Andrea Bargnani, F, Italy	
2005	Mil Andrew Bogut, C, Utah	
2004	Orl Dwight Howard, C, SACA (Atlanta)	
2003	Cle LeBron James, F, St. Vincent-St. Mary HS, Akron, Ohio	
2002	Hou Yao Ming, C, Shanghai, China	
2001	Was Kwame Brown, C, Glynn Academy HS (Brunswick, Ga.)	
2000	NY Kenyon Martin, F, Cincinnati	
1999	Chi Elton Brand, F, Duke	
1998	LAC Michael Olowokandi, C, Pacific	
1997	SA Tim Duncan, F, Wake Forest	
1996	Phi Allen Iverson, G, Georgetown	
1995	GS Joe Smith, F, Maryland	
1994	Mil Glenn Robinson, F, Purdue	
1993	Orl Chris Webber, F, Michigan	
1992	Orl Shaquille O'Neal, C, LSU	
1991	Chi Larry Johnson, F, UNLV	
1990	NY Derrick Coleman, F, Syracuse	
1989	SAC Pervis Ellison, C, Louisville	
1988	LA Danny Manning, F, Kansas	
1987	SA David Robinson, C, Navy	
1986	Cle Brad Daugherty, C, N Carolina	
1985	NY Patrick Ewing, C, Georgetown	
1984	Hou Akem Oluajuwon, C, Houston	
1983	Hou Ralph Sampson, C, Virginia	
1982	LAL James Worthy, F, N Carolina	
1981	Dal Mark Aguirre, F, DePaul	
1980	GSA Joe Barry Carroll, C, Purdue	
1979	LA Magic Johnson, G, Mich. St.	
1978	Por Mychal Thompson, F, Minnesota	
1977	Mil Kent Benson, C, Indiana	
1976	Hou John Lucas, G, Maryland	
1975	Atl David Thompson, F, NC State	
1974	Por Bill Walton, C, UCLA	
1973	Phi Doug Collins, G, Illinois State	
1972	Por LaRue Martin, C, Loyola (Chi)	
1971	Cle Austin Carr, G, Notre Dame	
1970	Det Bob Lanier, C, St. Bonaventure	
1969	Mil Lew Alcindor, C, UCLA	
1968	SDR Elvin Hayes, C, Houston	
1967	Det Jimmy Walker, G, Providence	
1966	NY Cazzie Russell, F, Michigan	
1965	SFW Fred Hetzel[p], F, Davidson	
1964	NY Jim Barnes, C, Tex. Wester	
1963	NY Art Heyman, F, Duke	
1962	ChZ Bill McGill[m], F, Utah	
1961	ChP Walt Bellamy, C, Indiana	
1960	Cin Oscar Robertson, G, Cincinnati	
1959	Cin Bob Boozer, F, Kansas State	
1958	Mil Elgin Baylor, F, Seattle	
1957	Cin Rod Hundley, G, West Virginia	
1956	ROC Sihugo Green[, G, Duquesne	
1955	MiH Dick Ricketts[h], G, Duquesne	
1954	Bal Frank Selvy, F, Furman	
1953	Bal Ray Felix, G, Long Island	
1952	MiH Mark Workman, C, W. Virginia	
1951	Bal Gene Melchiorre, G, Bradley	
1950	Bos Charlie Share, C, BGSU	
1949	Prv Howie Shannon, C, Kansas St.	
1948	Prv Andy Tonkovich, G, Marshall	
1947	Pit Clifford McNeely, G, Tex. Western	

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	5	.688	—
Connecticut	12	6	.667	—
Washington	11	8	.579	1½
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3
New York	7	10	.412	4½
Indiana	5	13	.278	7
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	13	3	.813	—
Seattle	10	6	.625	3
Dallas	8	9	.471	5½
Los Angeles	6	9	.400	6½
Phoenix	6	11	.353	7½
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9½

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana at Dallas, late
Phoenix at Minnesota, late
Washington at Seattle, late
Chicago at Los Angeles, late
FRIDAY'S GAME
New York at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
New York 81, Connecticut 77

ODDS

MLB	FRIDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
at Miami	-134 NY Mets +114
LA Dodgers	-124 at Atlanta +106
at St. Louis	-166 Chi Cubs +140
Philadelphia	-120 at San Diego +102
at San Fran.	-198 Cincinnati +164
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at NY Yankees	-118 Houston -102
Boston	-112 at Cleveland -104
at Kansas City	-142 Oakland +120
at Chi Wh. Sox	-166 Baltimore +143
at LA Angels	-156 Seattle +132
INTERLEAGUE	
at Tampa Bay	-198 Pittsburgh +164
at Texas	-166 Washington +140
at Minnesota	-162 Colorado +136
Toronto	-154 at Milwaukee +130
at Arizona	-166 Detroit +140
STANLEY CUP FINAL	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
at Colorado	-176 Tampa Bay +146
ODDS TO WIN CUP	
Colorado	-1600 Tampa Bay +800

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SOCCER

MLS	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
EASTERN						
New York City FC	8	3	3	27	26	11
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	4	5	26	26	17
Philadelphia	6	1	8	26	20	11
Orlando City	7	5	4	25	20	22
CF Montréal	7	6	2	23	28	27
New England	6	5	5	23	27	26
Charlotte FC	6	8	2	20	16	19
Cincinnati	6	7	2	20	22	26

